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SEAMEN'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL

London, To-day.

A gruesome story of ordeal by sea was told by survivors of the Greek steamer Eleni Stathothos, which was torpedoed without warning by a Nazi U-boat in the Atlantic.

Six of the injured were taken to hospital and the others are suffering from frostbite, exposure and exhaustion.

Their ship was torpedoed without warning on Sunday morning, and 33 survivors spent five days in an overcrowded row-boat.

They were tossed by storms and had to bail constantly before they reached the Irish coast.

NO ERROR

Two men died on Tuesday night after going mad and were buried at sea, and before the survivors reached land two officers and 10 seamen had died.

The survivors stated they twice saw ships, which sailed away without seeing their signals.

The Greek flag was painted on both sides of the steamer and illuminated by a spotlight. The flag at the stern was also lit up.—Reuter.

SOVIET READY FOR TRUCE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

A suggestion that Soviet Russia is on the verge of proposing an armistice with Finland is contained in a despatch to the "Daily Telegraph" from the newspaper's Stockholm correspondent.

Basis for the report is not known, but it is suggested that the Soviet offer may be made in response to the speech of President Kallio in the Finnish Diet.

President Kallio, it will be recalled,

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It was stated that these photographs bring home more forcibly than any mere description can, Britain's intimate knowledge of the situation behind the German lines and the organisation and skill that procured it.

Every sort of potential military objective is being inspected and photographed from the air, and the survey is kept constantly up to date.

The Allied High Command knows from week to week what changes are made in German naval harbours and aerodromes, what vessels are being built, what additional fortifications are being carried out and the state of traffic on roads and canals.

British aircraft have flown along the whole length of the Siegfried Line, sometimes not more than a few hundred feet above it.

Photographs taken identify not only the fortifications as a whole but also the principal details, such as barracks, railway stations, arsenals and factories.

NO WASTAGES

It is pointed out that when the time arrives to meet an important enemy offensive, this information will be of immense practical value, and there will be no waste of bombs.

It is stated that to obtain this information both courage and skill are required.

The cameras may do their work at heights as great as 20,000 feet, but even there the airmen are hardly safe from interruption by hostile aircraft and anti-aircraft batteries, but some of our aircraft have come down as low as 2,000 feet, when precise details are required.—Reuter.

NOTHING TO REPORT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated there was nothing to report.—Reuter.

offered peace on substantially the same terms as were proclaimed by the Foreign Minister in his broadcast in Russian on December 15, when Moscow replied that it was prepared to discuss the situation only with the puppet government at Terijoki.

The terms demand respect for Finnish territorial integrity and withdrawal of the Red Army.—Havas.

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HOLLAND'S DEFENCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE HAGUE, TO-DAY.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE 1938 AND 1939 MILITARY CLASSES WILL BE CALLED UP IN APRIL TO REPLACE MEN WITH THE COLOURS AT PRESENT.

It is rumoured that the government and Fascists whose collusion is be- intends to outlaw both Communists coming obvious.—Havas.

FALSE ALARM AT LA SALLE CAMP

All available police on the mainland were turned out shortly after 3 p.m. yesterday when the alarm at the La Salle Internment Camp went off.

It was later found to be a false alarm and had been caused by defective wiring and fusing of the alarm.

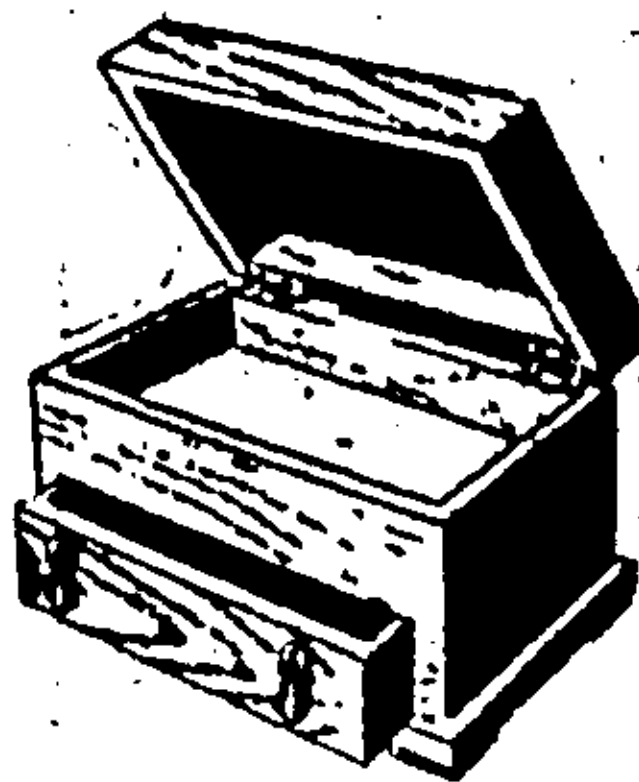
AD. YONAI'S PROMISE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

Replying to an interpellation in the House of Peers, Admiral Yonai, the Premier, promised "to take an opportunity in the near future" to publish the terms of the accord between Japan and Wang Ching-wei.—Havas.

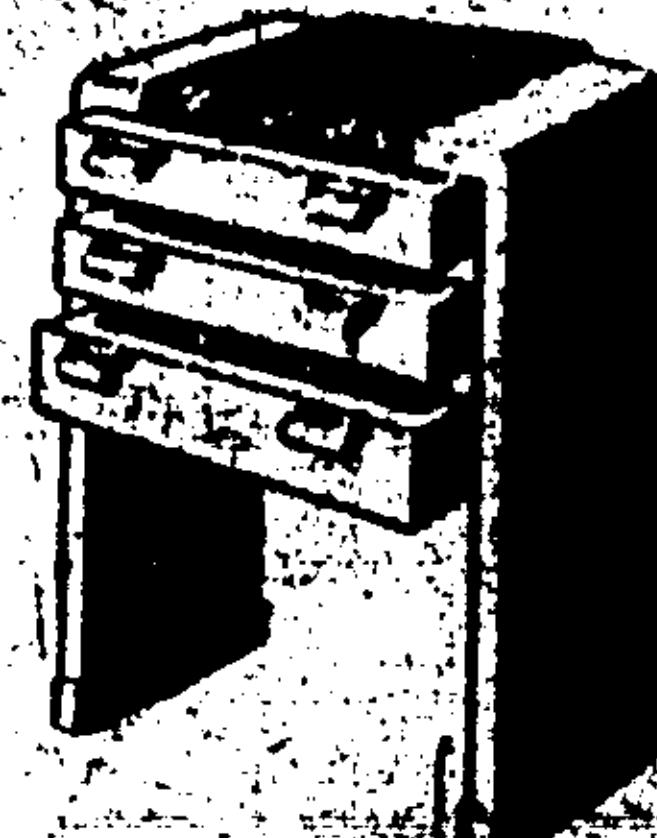
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YARD NET FOR GLAMOUR-MAD MAIDENS

SCHOOLGIRLS IN NIGHT HAUNTS

Scotland Yard is doing its best to stem the flow of glamour-mad girls to shady night resorts in the West End. These girls, many of them under seventeen, come from all parts of the country, girls with pretty faces and dancing feet, who think they have only to come to London to make their dreams of lovely clothes, limousines, and Prince Charmings come true.

They are girls of all types — school-girls, shopgirls, typists and factory workers—and nearly all of them are film-crazy.

Arriving in London, their first ambition is to crash the stage or screen. When they find they can't they drift as dance hostesses into night clubs and drinking dens, where they have a chance to show what they can do in cheap cabarets, and where the big talent-spotter may yet discover them.

"NICE" TO CUSTOMERS

In the clubs they are exploited by unscrupulous proprietors who know that the younger they are the less they need to be paid, though they are still expected to be "nice" to the customers, and to squeeze the last penny out of them.

Yet, strangely enough, many of the girls actually acquire a taste for the tawdry and shty lives they lead. And this is the worst factor with which Inspector Gavin and his aids have had to contend.

For, under examination, young girls would lie like troopers, and give no facts about themselves.

Only when their stories are checked is the truth revealed.

In recent club raids the Inspector found all the hostesses very young, and in one instance a girl was only fourteen years old.

A police official said that many girls rebel at this age, disappear from home to come to London.

"Many of them find their way to the night clubs," he added. "One young hostess of fifteen, whom I restored to her people, was bored with her life in a north country town."

"Another hostess of sixteen had run away from an ultra-strict home in the hope of finding a newer and a happier life here."

"The worst case I came across was that of a girl of twelve from an L.C.C. school. She peroxided and lipstickked, and had trained her own troupe of girl dancers to tour the cheaper clubs."



Mickey Rooney in "The Hardys Ride High," showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

FAMILY DIE BECAUSE DAUGHTER WAS JILTED

A family died because the daughter was jilted. The girl—Esther Altenback, aged twenty-five, of Easton, Pennsylvania—turned on the gas in the kitchen stove and awaited death.

Although she stuffed paper around the door, escaping fumes killed her mother, who was sleeping upstairs.

When her father returned home he found the bodies and, clutched in Esther's hand, two notes. One was a letter from her sweetheart saying: "I'd rather see you dead than in the arms of another man."

The other note, written by Esther, said: "Now Frank has his wish. I am doing this because he walked out on me."

Her father dropped dead of heart failure.

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SOVIET THREAT TO INDIA NOT FEARED

London, To-day.

IN REGARD TO REPORTS which have appeared from time to time of alleged Soviet threats to British India, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent is able to state on high authority that at present there are no indications whatever of any threatening concentrations of Soviet troops in the neighbourhood of Afghanistan.

The correspondent adds that any threat to India from the north would almost inevitably have to be directed through Afghanistan.

Competent military quarters point out that in any event an invasion of Afghanistan or Iran from the north — as the first step against British interests in Asia — would to-day present even greater difficulties than in the historic past.

A modern mechanised army would find almost insuperable obstacles in Iran or Afghanistan, particularly in the latter country, where the absence of railways, the poor roads, high mountains and the fierce Afghan guerilla fighters (fanatically determined to defend the Moslem faith against what they regard as the "materialism" of the West) would combine to ensure that any invader from the north would face an extremely difficult and probably lengthy campaign. — Reuter.

"FRIENDS OF FINLAND FUND"

The total donations to the above fund during the first week, up to February 1, amount to H.K.\$4,297.—, and the sum of £265.— has been remitted by telegraphic transfer to Finland.

Further donations will be gratefully received by the Consul for Finland for this most urgent cause and remitted to Finland as quickly as the funds warrant it.

SMILES ARE BROADER

As there has been a tendency towards the less sophisticated type of programme since the outbreak of war, the B.B.C. are finding it necessary to keep a closer watch than hitherto on "indelicacy."

The subject also figures prominently in the inquiries which are always held regularly on the programmes.

The war-time programmes, it is generally admitted, have contained more of the broad variety of jokes than did their immediate peace-time predecessors, but there has not been an increase in the number of listeners' letters complaining.

CARDINAL DENOUNCES THE NAZIS

Cardinal Hinsley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, in a broadcast on "The Sword of the Spirit," declared that it was by the spirit that Britain would conquer.

"Britain will sheathe the sword," he said, "the moment that her opponents yield to the force of right and to the claims of freedom."

He was convinced that Britain had engaged in this war in the main for the defence of the things of the spirit. She had taken up arms in the cause of justice and freedom.

"Even if our critics, here and in other countries, allege that our motives for entering the war were mixed and tainted with self-interest in some shape or other, what I have just said and shall say makes it quite possible to fight this war without any thought of self-interest at all."

"Such wicked injustices have been done, at any rate to Poland and to Finland, such horrible cruelties have been inflicted upon innocent, defenceless, peasant populations, so violent a dechristianisation of vast regions has been attempted and threatened, that we, each of us, can support this fight wholeheartedly on behalf of justice, charity and the salvation of souls. And if we can, we ought; and since I know the people of my native land, I boldly say we will."

DUTY TO PROTEST

"We English are noted for our readiness to compromise. But there can be no compromise on the first principles of right and wrong, no compromise between Christianity and the rival brands of anti-Christian tyranny."

"I consider it my duty to protest aloud against any persecution of the Christians of Poland, any persecution of Catholics and Orthodox, as I have protested in the past publicly and vigorously against the persecution of Jews and others in Nazi Germany."

Cardinal Hinsley suggested that there was a biblical parallel to the position to-day when Herod — "that fox" as Christ styled him — and Pontius Pilate made friends the day they crucified Christ. Yet the faithful band of His followers carried the Gospel of the spirit to the ends of the earth.

"The spirit, not the sword," added the Cardinal, "shaped, and will shape, the happiness of mankind."

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"Remember, a man can't go straight unless he has the love of a good woman to back him up!"

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QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL



BRITAIN NOT SATISFIED

Mr. Chamberlain's Attitude On Economic War

EXPORT COUNCIL ONLY A BEGINNING: "GENERAL" WANTED FOR THE "STAFF"

London, To-day.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S REJECTION of proposals in the House of Commons that a Cabinet Minister be appointed to control economic affairs is not, on the whole, endorsed by the British press. The general impression is that he side-tracked the main issue and that the Export Council cannot be considered to be any more than a step in the right direction.

In some quarters, the formation of the Export Council is viewed as welcome initiative by Sir Andrew Duncan.

"The Times" says that a general staff has been created but that it will not be long before a General is equally necessary.

Commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's remarks about how Cabinet Ministers met to discuss and deal with such subjects, "The Times" wonders that they should have the time to do anything else!

The "Daily Telegraph" feels that the appointment of the Export Council rather emphasises the need for a controller of economic affairs, since the appointment implies a belated recognition that our export trade has been the subject of less initiative than should have been the case.

"TRAVESTY"

"A fantastic travesty" is the description applied to Mr. Chamberlain's speech by the "Manchester Guardian."

WEAKNESS AFTER FEVER

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THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
THERAPION No. 1
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THERAPION No. 3

Mr. Chamberlain, says the paper, brushed aside all proposals with his inevitable complaints.

He played one argument off against another and, by a familiar platform trick, tried to make out that his critics were after a Super-Man to over-ride the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and, even more horrible, to tower as high as the Prime Minister himself!

The "News Chronicle" comments that the case for an economic controller is as strong as ever, while the "Daily Herald" says that the door has been left ajar and, sooner or later, Mr. Chamberlain will cross the threshold.

"The tragedy is that precious time will be lost before he does so." — Reuter.

B.E.F. LEAVE

London, To-day.

Leave for the British Expeditionary Force has now been resumed, and, weather permitting, the first party was expected home yesterday.

This party will consist of men with homes in the south and west of England; others will leave France as soon as railway traffic to the north of England is normal again.

The railways stated yesterday that this should not be long. The Midland Railway was opened by a first train yesterday morning and trains on the East Coast are now running to within 1½ hours of their normal schedule times.—Reuter.

NEW SUPER PLANE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

A new super pursuit plane, equipped with a 37 millimetre cannon and four machine-guns controlled by the pilot, was successfully tried out before military experts.

The machine is capable of attaining a speed of 415 m.p.h.—Havas.

SOUTH AFRICA IN THE WAR

CAPETOWN, TO-DAY.

THE SENATE, BY 21 VOTES TO 13, HAS PASSED THE GOVERNMENT MOTION CONFIRMING SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY IN THE WAR. THE SENATE REJECTED BY THE SAME MAJORITY AN AMENDMENT PROPOSING THAT PEACE SHOULD BE RESTORED WITH GERMANY.

The amendment was proposed by Mr. A. P. J. Fourie, who was Minister of Commerce and Industries in General Hertzog's government.

The Senate has thus confirmed the action of the South African Parliament in rejecting General Hertzog's "peace motion" a few days ago.—Reuter.

INDIANS IN CONTACT WITH NAZIS

BOMBAY, TO-DAY.

SEVEN MEN APPEARED BEFORE A MAGISTRATE YESTERDAY ON CHARGES UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA ACT. THEY WERE RELEASED ON BAIL OF 100 RUPEES EACH.

The police stated that they had received information that certain people were carrying out communications with people in Germany and other parts of Europe.

On November 2, one witness received 30 letters addressed to be handed to a training ground officer; seven of these letters came from Germany.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI UNDER SNOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The heaviest snowfall seen here for many years yesterday made Shanghai resemble a Russian city.

With a cold north wind blowing steadily, bewildered Shanghai residents awoke this morning to see their city clad in white.

This was the worst day for Shanghai's legion of homeless and about 100 bodies, of which 80 per cent were children, were picked up dead off the streets.

The snowfall is considered a passing phenomenon caused by the weather conditions in Siberia.—Havas.

RADIO SETS FOR CANADIAN TROOPS

London, To-day.

The Canadian troops in England have been presented with 500 radio sets.—Reuter.

WAZIRISTAN OUTRAGES

New Delhi, To-day.

The recent improvement in districts bordering on Waziristan has not been maintained, and there have been several outrages in the past week.

A village was raided and six villagers killed; a mail lorry was ambushed and a police lorry ambushed and one constable wounded.—Reuter.

RED CROSS FUND OVER A MILLION

London, To-day.

Congratulations from Major-General the Duke of Gloucester at headquarters of the B.E.F. on the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund passing the £1,000,000 mark, were read at a Mansion House luncheon yesterday.

The Duke expressed particular pleasure to see the splendid support received from the Dominions and Colonies.

Although everyone recognised that this first million was but a milestone on a long uphill road, the remarkable success being achieved must give heart and courage to our workers both at home and abroad.

It was clear that the British public would not permit the great work of mercy to which the Red Cross and St. John's had set their heads to be handicapped by lack of funds.—Reuter.

INCIDENTS ON N.W. FRONTIER

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.

SIR GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, GOVERNOR OF THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE OF INDIA, IS ON HIS WAY DOWN TO NEW DELHI AFTER A TOUR OF HIS DISTRICT.

He is expected to discuss the position with the Governor of the Dominion.

The latest reports from the N.W.F. Province speak of various incidents recently. The inhabitants of one large town have expressed their indignation at the outrages, which consist of raids by tribesmen from outside the regularly administered territory of British India.—Reuter.

NEW SPEED LIMIT WORKING WELL

London, To-day.

The new 30 miles an hour blackout speed restriction came into force on Thursday night, and police patrols were out with special torches looking for transgressors. The new order, however, seems to be meeting with the full support of motorists.—Reuter.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M. C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

● Fanling Camp.
Friday, 2nd February, 1940.

HOLIDAYS

Corps H. Q. will be closed on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th February and will be open on Saturday 10th February only from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. No stores will be drawn during the period Thursday to Sunday.

PARADES

Corps Artillery
18TH BATTERY

GUN DETACHMENTS

Tuesday, 6th February, 5.45 p.m. Belchers, Nos. 1 and 2 Gun Detachments. Gun drill. Dress—Overalls; S.D. caps, G.P. shoes.

LEWIS GUNNERS

Tuesday, 6th February, 5.30 p.m. H. Q. Dress—Overalls.

LAYERS, RANGE TAKERS & D. E. L. SECTIONS

Wednesday, 7th February, 5.30 p.m. H. Q. for Bluffhead. Gun drill series by night. Dress—S.D. caps, overalls, and G.P. shoes (Overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried).

2ND BATTERY

Signal & Telephone Courses

Monday, 5th February, H. Q. 5.15 p.m.

GUN DRILL

Monday, 5th February, Scandal Point, 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.s. only.

A.A.L.M.G. CLASS

Tuesday, 6th February, 5.30 p.m. H. Q.

GUN DETACHMENT

Tuesday, 6th February, Scandal Point, 5.30 p.m. Right Section.

Wednesday, 7th Feb. Scandal Point, 5.30 p.m. Left Section.

DRESS

All parades—Overalls and S. D. caps.

3RD BATTERY

Mon, 5th February, Belchers, 5.30 p.m. (i) Pay parade (All camp pay not collected at this parade will be returned to H. Q. (ii) N.C.O.'s meeting to arrange details for camp.

4TH BATTERY

Monday, 5th February, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Recruits.

5TH BATTERY

Sunday, 4th Feb. Queen's Pier, 9.30 a.m. No. 2 Section Dress—Overalls.

Monday, 5th February, H. Q. 5.15 p.m. No. 1 Section Dress—Overalls.

Tuesday, 6th February, H. Q. 5.15 p.m. No. 2 Section Dress—Overalls.

NO. 1 COMPANY

Tuesday, 6th February, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. As Company programme. All those who have not yet returned their rifles, bayonets or respirators must do so at this parade.

NO. 4 COMPANY

There will be no parade next week.

NO. 5 COMPANY

Sunday, 4th February, Kowloon City Range, 9 a.m. M. G. Part II. No transport will be provided. Those incorrectly dressed will not be allowed to fire. Range Officer—Lt. C. D'Almada e Castro.

All rifles and respirators must be returned to H. Q. before 6 p.m. Tuesday, 6th February.

NO. 6 COMPANY

There will be no parade next week.

NO. 7 COMPANY

There will be no parade next week. ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY Tuesday, 6th February, H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Whole Company. Rifle instruction.

CORPS ORDERS—AMENDMENT

Reference Corps Orders No. 8/40 of 28/1/40.

PARA. 9. APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS

For "No. 6 Coy." under the Unit column read "No. 2 Coy."

For "C.Q.M.S. Sprague to be Plc." read "C.Q.M.S. W. Sprague to be L/Cpl. (at own request)."

PARA. 12 TRANSFER

Delete "No. 1906 Pte. W. Sprague: M. M. G. Pl. to Arm'd. C. Pl. on 28.1.40."

TRANSFERS

2593, Gnr. L. L. Rocha, 3rd. Bty. to 4th Bty. 2.1.40.

3181, Spr. J. S. Ferguson, R.O.D.C. to 2nd Bty. 2.2.40.

3887, Spr. S. C. N. Chau, 4th Bty. to Fd. Amb. 2.2.40.

STRENGTH INCREASE

4263, Gnr. K. C. Chow, 4th Bty. 10.1.40.

4264, Gnr. A. R. Leonard, 4th Bty. 10.1.40.

4265, Gnr. K. M. Lo, 4th Bty. 10.1.40.

4266, Gnr. T. S. Tsang, 4th Bty. 10.1.40.

4267, Gnr. K. Y. Yeung, 4th Bty. 10.1.40.

4268, Gnr. C. Young, 4th Bty. 10.1.40.

4269, Gnr. J. T. Wu, 4th Bty. 10.1.40.

3270, Gnr. K. C. Kwok, 4th Bty. 12.1.40.

4271, Gnr. J. C. Bing, 4th Bty. 15.1.40.

4272, Gnr. C. Affouye, 3rd Bty. 25.1.40.

4273, Gnr. A. C. I. Bowker, 5th A. A. Bty. 26.1.40.

4274, Gnr. C. R. Judah, 5th A. A. Bty. 29.1.40.

E. N. THURSBY.

Captain.

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

There will be no lecture on First Aid on Friday 9th and no Practical Bandaging Classes on Mon. 12th February.

Sgd. Mrs. I. M. S. BRAUDE,

Asst. Comdt.

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

DUCHESS PUT MEDAL ON BACKWARDS

Private George Bunning, of Stamford (Lines) St. John Ambulance Brigade, feels privileged to wear his fifteen years' long service efficiency medal back to front.

He says he has a royal right to do so, seeing that it was inadvertently pinned on in this unorthodox fashion by the Duchess of Gloucester when she inspected first-aid posts and personnel at Stamford Infirmary.

Four other members of the brigade to receive similar medals were Superintendent W. R. Newell, Privates G. Rudkin and A. Pearson, and Honorary Sgt. A. Lott.

The Duchess had a special smile of recognition for V.A.D. Lady Romayne Cecil, sister of Lord Burghley, whose wife is the Duchess's sister.

SMALLPOX ORDER

Persons arriving in Egypt by air from Hong Kong are subject to surveillance for a period of fourteen days dating from the day of departure from Hong Kong, unless they produce certificates showing that they have been vaccinated against smallpox not less than twelve days and not more than three years prior to their arrival in Egypt.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"The way Luther's announcing those stock market quotations, he must be dabbling in the market again himself!"

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HARD TO RESIST—Ann Sheridan lures John Garfield into 'plenty of trouble' in "They Made Me A Criminal," thrilling dramatic action film which will have its local debut at the King's Theatre to-morrow.

"HELD A GIRL IN CAR" STORY

A beautiful girl who is said to have lived with a managing director fell in love with his nephew, friend of her teens.

They planned to wed. But her husband-to-be's father wanted to prevent the marriage.

So, it was alleged in the King's Bench Division the father and another uncle took her away in a car.

The allegation was made by Mr. P. E. Sandlands, K. C., in opening a claim for damages for alleged conspiracy, brought by Miss Norah Bradley, twenty-one, of Smethurst-lane, Wigan, against two brothers, Norman and Maurice Webster, of Darlington-street, Wigan.

Miss Bradley complained that the brother conspired to deprive her of her liberty and assaulted her by keeping her in a car and driving her from Mildenhall to Cambridge against her will before the car was stopped by the police.

The brothers denied that they had detained Miss Bradley, denied the assault and maintained that she went into the car voluntarily.

Mr. Sandlands said that in 1935 Miss Bradley was seventeen.

She became shorthand-typist with the firm of James Smith and Company, motor-coach proprietors, in which the partners were three

brothers—the two defendants and Fred Webster, the managing director.

Miss Bradley developed a "boy and girl" friendship with Kenneth Webster, son of Norman Webster.

In 1936 Kenneth joined the R.A.F. They corresponded. About 1932 or 1933 the younger of the three brothers, Fred Webster, had separated from his wife. He became interested in Miss Bradley.

Pretending his intentions were honourable, he went with the girl to her father, said he was about to be divorced and that, when free, he would marry Miss Bradley.

"ACTED CHIVALROUSLY"

The divorce proceedings did not take place, and in 1938 Fred Webster asked Miss Bradley to go to Blackpool to work for him.

When she arrived there she was persuaded, under the promise of marriage, to share a flat.

In the summer of 1938 she visited Wigan and met Kenneth Webster, who was on leave. He learnt that she had been staying at Blackpool with his Uncle Fred.

With a chivalry worthy of great praise, said Mr. Sandlands, he said he would see her parents, and that "He didn't like her living at Blackpool with Uncle Fred."

Apparently about that time she became pregnant. Fred Webster got cross and discarded her.

She wrote to Kenneth, who was stationed at Mildenhall. He replied by telegram, and she went to stay at Mildenhall, three miles from Kenneth's camp.

Kenneth went to see her mother, and it was arranged that he should marry Miss Bradley.

That was the position on December 19 last when the two defendants—Kenneth's father and uncle—went by car to Mildenhall with Kenneth.

"HIT STRUGGLING GIRL"

The brothers asked her to go into the car. She did so. They drove to the camp. Nothing was said to the girl, who was puzzled.

The father talked to Kenneth, who began to go away. The girl tried to open the door, but the uncle pinned her and said, "You can't do that you little —" He held her. She called out for Kenneth. Before Kenneth could get there the father slammed the door and drove off.

They had not gone far when the father turned round and hit the struggling girl across the face with the back of his hand. The girl screamed. The uncle pinned her down and put his hand over her mouth.

Mr. Sandlands said that the day after the occurrence Norman Webster induced the girl's mother to phone her daughter to drop the case and she and Kenneth would be allowed to wed when twenty-one.

Norah and Kenneth then asked the police to withdraw the case, but the Websters broke their word about the wedding.

Last February she became of age and this action was started. In May a child was born and in July Frederick Webster entered into an agreement to pay for the child's maintenance.

Balkan Entente Powers And The Belligerents

ITALY'S PART IN FORMULATING COMMON POLICY

London, To-day.

COMMENTING ON THE Balkan Entente conference, both "The Times" and the "Daily Telegraph" agree that much of the time is likely to be taken up with discussing a common policy towards the belligerents.

The newspapers agree that in any case the conference is bound to have a good effect on drawing the Balkan powers more closely together and that this will create a strong barrier against Nazi threats to Balkan independence.—Reuter.

Belgrade, To-day.

The conference of the Balkan Entente Powers — Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia and Rumania — opened here yesterday morning.

M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, took the chair, the other members to the conference being M. Sarajoglu (Turkish Foreign Minister), M. Markovitch (Yugoslavian Foreign Minister) and General Metaxas (the Greek Prime Minister).

The first business on the agenda was the passing of a resolution that the Balkan Entente be continued.

Great interest is being attached to the position of Bulgaria, which is not a member of the Entente. The impression is, however, that Bulgaria is anxious to co-operate with the Entente and this is confirmed by the Turkish and Greek delegates.—Reuter.

Italy's Part In Better Atmosphere

Geneva, To-day.

Thanks to the moderation of Hungary and Bulgaria in connexion with their territorial revisionist claims the diplomatic position in the Balkans and Turkey has greatly improved since September, it is considered here. Credit for this improvement is widely attributed to Italy, whose interest in the Balkans has greatly increased since her acquisition of Albania.

Bulgaria's claims to the South Dobrudja (Rumania) are believed to have been "adjourned" until the end of the war.

"IN TIME"

Bulgaria's relations with Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece are friendly, and Bulgaria hopes that her claims to the Dobrudja as well as an outlet to the Aegean, will meet a peaceful solution in time.

The Venice meeting between Count Ciano and Count Cseky, the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers, is stated also to have clarified the situation.

It is now known that Hungary will not go to war for the recovery of Transylvania from Rumania, which question has also been "adjourned."

ITALIAN DIPLOMACY

The principle of Italian diplomacy has been to persuade Hungary and Bulgaria to await a new European settlement. Italy is reported to have promised to support the claims of both.

PROTRACTED TALKS

Meanwhile, an account of the first meeting of the Balkan Entente conference in Belgrade is given in Rome by the "Giornale d'Italia."

LABOURITES LEAVE FINLAND

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH LABOUR DELEGATION HEADED BY SIR WALTER CITRINE, WHICH HAS BEEN VISITING FINLAND, LEFT YESTERDAY FOR STOCKHOLM AND COPENHAGEN TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE OF SCANDINAVIAN LABOUR LEADERS.

Sir Walter Citrine in an interview said they were returning to England with the intention of urging the Government to accord Finland the fullest help.

He added that the unity of Finland was exemplary.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker M.P. expressed respect for the Finnish soldiers, who man for man were immensely superior to the Russians.—Reuter.

IN THE "GAZETTE"

The following official appointments, etc. are announced:—

Lieut. G. P. Ferguson to be an Honorary A.D.C.

Dr. N. C. MacLeod to be a Member of the Nutrition Research Committee.

Mr. C. Champkin has relinquished his appointment as Chief Air Raid Warden.

Mr. Li Tse-fong to be a Member of the Board of Education for a further period.

Monsieur L. O. F. Reynaud is recognized as Consul-General for France at H.K.

ference in Belgrade is given in Rome by the "Giornale d'Italia."

The Italian newspaper states that M. Gafencu (Rumania), General Metaxas (Greece), M. Sarajoglu (Turkey) and M. Cincar-Marcovitch (Yugo-Slavia) were present.

The meeting was expected to last less than an hour but was so protracted that a later programme of consultations was postponed until the afternoon.

BULGARIAN POSITION

Regarding Bulgaria's position, the newspaper learns that Bulgaria will continue her neutrality but will not forego her national claims, although she is ready to collaborate with all her neighbours.

She will not join the Balkan League until all the component States decide to solve all outstanding disputes among them.—Reuter.

SWEDEN BUYING U.S. FIGHTERS

Washington, To-day.

It is officially disclosed here that Sweden has virtually completed negotiations for the purchase of 144 new model Vultee pursuit planes from the United States.

Cost of the planes, with spare equipment, is about \$10,000,000.—Reuter.

BRITISH FIGHTERS AID FINNS

Stockholm, To-day.

British fighter planes are now among those operating with the Finnish air force, and a number of Soviet bombers recently destroyed were brought down by British fighters piloted by Finnish airmen.

Some of the fighters now in Finland were originally destined for South Africa but were released for service with the Finnish air force by General Smuts, the Dominion Premier.

The recent Finnish raids on Kronstadt and elsewhere were not, it is understood, carried out by machines released by South Africa, which were fighters and not bombers.—Reuter.

GERMAN SINKINGS CLAIMS

London, To-day.

Two more steamer sinkings are announced by the German radio.

The 6,000-ton British ship Oregon was torpedoed 140 miles off Coruna, and the Swedish 2,000-ton steamer Fram was sunk after an explosion off the British coast.

Nineteen of the Fram's crew are stated to be missing.

No reference is made to the fate of the Oregon's crew.—Reuter.

"OREGON" REPORT UNTRUE

London, Later.

It is learned from authoritative quarters in London that there is no truth in the German claim that the British ship Oregon has been sunk.—Reuter.

KING'S RECOVERY

London, To-day.

His Majesty the King, who has almost completely recovered from his cold, received a number of visitors at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Among them was Captain C. H. L. Woodhouse, of H.M.S. Ajax, which he commanded in the River Plate Battle which ended in the scuttling of the Graf Spee.

The King bestowed on him the Commander of the Order of the Bath, for gallantry in action.—Reuter.

GERMANY ANXIOUS TO AVOID SPREAD OF WAR TO BALKANS

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

THE WILHELMSTRASSE IS AWAITING WITH INTENSE INTEREST THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE BALKAN ENTENTE, WHICH OPENED IN BELGRADE YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM BERLIN.

The Nazi spokesman stated yesterday that a war in the Balkans, however it might result, would disorganise for months, and perhaps years, deliveries of goods of all kinds which Germany so badly needs.

It is for this reason, according to neutral correspondents in Berlin, that the Wilhelmstrasse has been watching with a certain uneasiness the insistent demands in the Italian press that Rumania should adopt a conciliatory attitude towards the territorial claims of Hungary and Bulgaria.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Amsterdam Telegraaf" writes that in the Wilhelmstrasse it is stated that although the demands of Hungary and Bulgaria must eventually be investigated they must be left in abeyance for the duration of the present European war.

A political conflict in South-East Europe, it is argued, might very well lead to new hostilities which could not be localised.

ITALY'S INTENTION

There is moreover some anxiety in Nazi political circles over Italy's real intentions in the Balkans.

Little or nothing has leaked out regarding the recent meeting between Count Ciano and Count Cseky, the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers.

What is known is that Italy is firmly resolved to resist an attempt by Stalin to spread Bolshevism beyond the borders of the Soviet Union.

Her close relations with the Soviet naturally prevent Germany from taking, at any rate openly, the same attitude as her Axis partner.—Reuter.

SHARP ADVANCE IN HOME RAILS SHARES

London, To-day.

Home rails recorded a sharp advance on the Stock Exchange yesterday on news of an early announcement of compensation terms.

Gilt-edged securities were easier while other actions were generally quiet owing to week-end considerations.

Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

Kremlin Orders Demarche In Washington

SOVIET ENVOY'S TALK WITH MR. CORDELL HULL: PROTEST AGAINST SPEECH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

SOME SIGNIFICANCE IS attached to the long conversations that the Soviet Ambassador, M. Constantin Umanski, held with Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, upon instructions from the Kremlin.

Questioned regarding the issue of the meeting, M. Umanski merely stated that he did not hand any written communications from his Government and refused to divulge the nature of the parleys.

URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION

Two candidates have been nominated for the vacancy on the Urban Council, the retiring member, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, and Dr. A. M. Rodrigues.

Those entitled to vote include all persons named in the jurors lists for the current jury year, and all in the following classes who have applied for registration as a voter.

- unofficial members of the Executive or Legislative Council;
 - persons of sound mind who have previously been included in the jurors lists but have been omitted therefrom on account of age or infirmity or on account of exemption granted by the Governor in Council or by the Court;
 - barristers and solicitors in actual practice and the clerks of Solicitors in actual practice;
 - persons registered under section 4 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, or under the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914, or under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1916;
 - editors and sub-editors of daily newspapers published in the Colony;
 - clergymen of the Church of England, Roman Catholic priests, and ministers of any congregation of Protestant Dissenters or of Jews, acting as such in the Colony;
 - professors and other academic officers of the University of Hong Kong;
 - masters of schools which are certified by the Director of Education as not being vernacular schools;
 - certificated officers of the British Mercantile Marine, and.
 - officers and non-commissioned officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force and also such other members of the said Corps or of the said Force as shall have been exempted from jury service by the Governor in Council;
- Provided that, no person who is in the service of the Crown, and whose whole time is at the disposal of the Crown, shall be entitled to be included in the said register.
- No fresh applications for registra-

Mr. Hull told the press that the talk was carried on on general lines and that no definite decisions have been adopted.

According to the "New York Times," M. Umanski protested against a recent speech by the Assistant Secretary for War, Mr. Louis Johnson, who said Finnish resistance confirmed the proverb by which one free man is worth at least a dozen slaves.

M. Umanski also complained about the United States moral embargo against the export of planes and equipment for oil refining to Russia.—Havas.

TRADE PACT

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

A COMMERCIAL UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN RUMANIA AND JAPAN, SAYS THE DOMEI AGENCY.

According to reliable information, says the agency, the Japanese Foreign Office since last year has been conducting negotiations for the furtherance of trade, and it is declared that the Rumanian Government has reciprocated the Japanese efforts.

It is stated that Rumania has agreed on condition Japan buys Rumanian products under the barter system.—Reuter.

CHILDREN HAIL

'PAPA CHAMBERLAIN'

Children swarmed around him calling out, "Papa Chamberlain," when the Premier inspected billets in a French village.

He visited R.A.F. bases, anti-aircraft batteries and the section of the Maginot Line where British troops are stationed.

General Gamelin personally conducted the Premier on the Maginot tour.

In the evening, after his tour of the war front, Mr. Chamberlain was entertained by M. Daladier, the French Premier, at the Qual d'Orsay.

TOMMY CAN NOW WED WHILE ON SHORT LEAVE

Tommy, home from the Front on short leave, will now be allowed to marry his sweetheart within that time. The regulation preventing weddings while fighting men are on short leave has been waived.

The rule made it impossible for a notice of marriage to be given unless the parties concerned were in the country.

Brides-to-be expecting their fiancés home on leave can now enter the necessary notice, giving their fiancé's normal home address.

Hitherto short leave did not allow of the legal lapse of time between entry of notice and the ceremony.

tion in the second part of the said register will be entertained after Wednesday, the 14th day of February, 1940.

THE CASE OF MR. YOUNG

Tokyo, To-day.

Investigations into the activities of Mr. James R. Young, Far Eastern manager of the International News Service, who was arrested at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo on January 21, are still going on.

Announcing this yesterday, the Foreign Office spokesman added that he was unable to say at present whether Mr. Young will be tried by a civil or military court.

The spokesman said that Mr. Young would be charged under the Army Criminal Code for, inter alia, sending to various publications "slandorous news items regarding the Japanese forces operating in various parts of China."—Reuter.

A.F.S. IN NEW ROLE IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

A new departure was made by the Auxiliary Fire Service yesterday when auxiliary firemen put to sea in a fishingboat which had been converted into a firefloat for the occasion by the installation of their trailer pumps and gear, and voyaged several miles to deal with a fire on board the Newcastle steamer, Royal Crown.

The fire was started by enemy bombs.

Special permission had to be obtained from the Home Office for this new use of the Auxiliary firefighting apparatus, which, it is pointed out, may mean the saving of vessels which otherwise would be destroyed.—Reuter.

ALL HOME FOOTBALL CANCELLED

London, To-day.

To-day's football has turned out to be another fiasco, and all English and Scottish regional matches have been postponed with the exception of the game between Plymouth and Bristol City, in the South-Western League.

All Rugby League matches have been postponed and only a couple of Rugger matches remain unscratched hitherto.—Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE PATTERN OF INDUSTRY

What happens in wartime to peacetime appointed Royal Commissions of inquiry is an interesting anthropological speculation. For the most part it is inevitable that Parliament's intelligencers should either close their investigations when war comes or else stay suspended in wait for calmer times. The conditions of war are not apt for the proposal and execution of social and economic changes. They furnish few data for enduring reforms. Even so, it is doubtful whether the Royal Commission on the Geographical Distribution of the Industrial Population, set up in July, 1937, should be permitted to cease work entirely because peace has gone.

This body held pride of place among the Commissions of recent years. Its job was to consider the social, economic or strategical disadvantages arising from the concentration of industries or of the industrial population in large towns or in particular areas. Its aim was to report what remedial measures, if any, should be taken in the national interest. Long before peace ended, the Commission found itself bogged in the controversy between those pundits who called for State interference in the location of industry to abate the serious social disadvantages and heavy costs of overgrown cities and those who claimed that the continued expansion of the nation's wealth depended upon the freedom of the individual industrialist to site his works where he expected to operate most profitably.

Yet, even though the problem of policy, still seemed obdurate after two years' investigations, the real character of the situation under review had become crystal clear. All the evidence put before the Commission and all the conclusions come to by independent economic inquiries pointed to the fact that the problem in hand was a problem of industries and not of places. Briefly the position was that, while abnormal unemployment, distress and poverty lingered in areas like Durham and South Wales, whose working population was slowly and raggedly drifting away to more prosperous places, London, the South and the Midlands were gaining steadily in industries and population, not always by any means to the advantage of comfortable and economical living there. The outline of the reasons for this shift in the geographical distribution of work and workers was simple. It was due to a change in the pattern of British industry: to the relative decline of heavy productive industries situated near coalfields and ports and working for export; and to the parallel expansion of light industrial production mainly for the home market and of a host of service and transport trades ministering to the higher standard of living of the swelling urban clusters close to which they were situated. It was not, on balance, a situation of national disadvantage. True, its chief symptom was the persistence of an unemployment total of between 1 and 2 millions, chiefly centred in the areas of decline. But its context after 1932, to trade with Soviet Russia; but he was an unprecedented rise in national income, total employment and the standard of living.

When war, the "great consumer," takes charge, the civilian consumption trades whose growth set the chief mark on industrial change in the decades before the war must be more and more cut down. So, too, in war, the heavy export trades have a dual reason to replace their peacetime languishing with widening activity. Directly and indirectly, they are munitions industries: they make the goods of war; and they turn out the where-withal to be sent overseas to pay for essential imports of raw materials and foodstuffs.

Thus the Royal Commission, if it keeps alive, will have an invaluable laboratory of events to pick out the problems it was set to examine. When the issues of peacetime transition return with redoubled significance, redoubled because of the different directions taken by industrial location under the pressure of war, it will be well equipped to take a leading part in the Herculean labour of reconstruction. More immediately important, while the war is actually in progress, the Commission might serve as an invaluable aide in the vast process of redistribution and transfer—a process for which no clear plan or guidance seems to be discernible yet in Government policy. With the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Labour, with the Ministry of Supply and the trade unions, it might perform a most valuable advisory war service. Above all, perhaps, in the long view, they may learn that any appreciable departure from the last two decades' trends of industrial change is synonymous with the cutting down of the standard of living.—"The Economist"

ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY

The journey of the Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, to Venice is now no longer said to be made for the purpose of resting or sightseeing. There can be no doubt that the visit is in fact significant of the intimate relations existing between the Hungarian and Italian Governments, of the great and growing influence of Italy in central and south-eastern Europe, and of the present desire of Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano to bring Hungary and Yugoslavia, and eventually Hungary and Rumania, closer together. No doubt the process of unifying the Balkan States is expected to carry with it an increased sense of the value of Italian support; but any diplomacy which strengthens the solidarity of those States among themselves, and with Turkey and Italy, is serviceable to European stability. Italy is determined to prevent Sovietism from "crossing the Carpathians." It is a persistent claim of the Italian Dictator that his European policy is inspired by "the higher European interests"; and it can at least be said for it that, in spite of apparent changes, it has been more consistent than that of many countries to-day. Signor Mussolini's own phrases often give the best definition of his country's policy, and when he called Bolshevism the "declared and mortal enemy of European civilisation" he meant what he said, and he has acted accordingly. He has never hesitated to trade with Soviet Russia; but he was an unprecedented rise in national income, total employment and the standard of living.

THE RED TSAR

Hitherto, Stalin has seemed one of the most realistic men alive. The close-lidded Georgian, hitherto, has had the very genius of astuteness. He has been much more like a great Asiatic tyrant of former ages than like a modern European. He has an urbane smile on human occasions which is entirely innocent and pleasing. But like Henry VIII, in the last terrible phase, Stalin can doom on suspicion those upon whom he has smiled. He has no bowels when he calculates. We shall be surprised if this man of all men should prove to be a headlong emotionalist, throwing the helve after the hatchet.—Mr. J. L. Garvin

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"The Times."

LIFE IN VIENNA NO BED OF ROSES

MEMBER OF NAZI PARTY DESCRIBES CONDITIONS IN LETTER

Illuminating about conditions prevailing in Vienna at the present time is a letter received in Shanghai from an "Aryan," a member of the National Socialist Party and an employee of a firm which was taken over by the Reich Government when Hitler invaded Austria. The letter is addressed to a Shanghai resident who, prior to the tragic turn of events in Vienna, was working in the same firm. It was dispatched from Vienna on December 23 and had not been opened by censors. The name of the sender and his address appear on the back of the envelope and no attempt seems to have been made to conceal incriminating parts of the letter by flowery language.

For obvious reasons, the names of the sender and the addressee must be withheld and only excerpts from the letter are given here.

"I sincerely hope that you are well and that you have accustomed yourself to your new surroundings. Believe me that everyone who has not got the doubtful honour of being a German citizen, is much more enviable than one of those gagged and enslaved Teutons. What has been made of, and with, human beings since, would represent the life-work of Goethe, were he to have written on the subject.

BUNCH OF BEGGARS

"You have maybe read in English newspapers that we 'freed Austrians' are now being dominated by an utterly brutal bunch of beggars who come to beg every Sunday (including Saturdays). Right down to the last penny everything is being taken from us; we are being followed into tram-cars and right to the office desk with demands for 'voluntary' contributions notwithstanding the obligatory deductions made from our salaries and the collections taking place in each firm every week. Breiter was an innocent child as compared to the taxation bandits of to-day and under prevailing circumstances he would, no doubt, have been unable to make a living notwithstanding his abilities.

"Enforced contributions amount to 30 per cent. for unmarried persons and between 15 and 20 per cent. for married persons. Of course there are other contributions, such as the so-called Winter Help, Anti-Aircraft Defence, etc.

Living conditions have unbelievably worsened. Force and brutality hold down public opinion and, at the same time, broadcast to the world at large how happy the people stand behind their dominator. Fanatics such as may be seen cheering in the films, will always exist as will those who do not want to admit that they are faring worse daily, but they do not represent the true feeling in the Greater Germany of to-day.

LITTLE FOOD

"There is very little to eat: 60 grams of fat per week; no fruit, no fish, meat only for a small breakfast gulyash once a week. I can only say that we have become pitifully poor in the cultural and all other fields. Now with regard to the family: H. . . is mobilized since six months already, without any enthusiasm, of course. Your job, which he got when you left, led him to a display of enthusiasm for the Movement, probably out of thankfulness for his advancement which, after all, was so unexpected. But this enthusiasm visibly cooled down when it was a question of defending the Fatherland from a practical point of view. . . . A lot of Zeros who, in the old times, we considered neither intelligent nor capable, have seen rapid advance-

ments within the firm and have become rather unbearable through their utter inability to do the work which they have been entrusted with. . . .

"To-morrow is Christmas Eve and a sad one. Blackouts and sand-bags covering all windows to the cellars make life rather depressing while women are forcefully enrolled in air-raid precaution courses. The dear old radio has never been raped with lies as much as is the case now. A few days ago 130 persons died in a railway accident. Human life was never worth less than it is to-day. . . ."

GODIVA'S NEW 'SHOCK'

The citizens of Coventry (Warwick) are in a dilemma. There's a strong possibility that, throughout the years they have proudly depicted Lady Godiva on her famous ride in the nude, they have "done her wrong."

Actually, they have never known much authentic about her ride to free their forebears from the tyrannical impositions of her tax-grabbing husband, Earl Leofric, in the eleventh century.

Mr. J. B. Shelton, of Little Park-street, Coventry, a local historian, has now discovered a book written in 1744 by D. Fenning, and in it is the passage: "Queen Anne, wife of Richard II, first introduced side-saddle riding to the ladies of England in 1379."

So, unless the eleventh century Godiva rode her milk-white steed through the deserted streets of the Midland city in the approved Bertram Mills circus style—which is not likely—she must have ridden it astride. SHE'LL RIDE SIDE-SADDLE

Now the questions have arisen: Is accuracy regarding the event more important than a long-cherished belief? Will thousands of pictures and statuettes depicting Lady Godiva riding side-saddle have to be scrapped?

Already there is at least one Coventry citizen who has made up his mind—Mr. W. H. Bassett Green, the philanthropist who is paying for the big statue of Lady Godiva at present being modelled by Sir William Reid Dick, R.A., and which is to be erected in the centre of the city.

"My Godiva will certainly ride side-saddle," he says. "The other position would look positively vulgar."

HIS 4 MURDERS IN 2 HOURS

In a crime career lasting less than two hours, a previously respected citizen committed two robberies, arson and four murders.

Don Cameron, salesman, of Chippefalls, Wisconsin, killed his wife and son in their cottage, then set the house on fire.

At nearby Eau Claire he killed a petrol station attendant and escaped with a bag of money after dumping the man's body in the cemetery.

Next he went to the railway station and killed a booking clerk, taking money from the safe.

Several men chased him. He fired a shotgun at them, wounding three severely.

Then Cameron ended his crime-wave with the penalty society would have imposed on him—death.

Seeing escape was impossible, he shot himself in the head.

JUGOSLAV WARNING

Speaking at Zagreb, M. Matichuk, Deputy Prime Minister of Yugoslavia, said:

"We are witnessing the swallowing-up of the small nations. Union between the Serbs and Croats is not sufficient. Yugoslavia must also unite with the Hungarians and Rumanians so that they may be in a position to give mutual aid."

R.N. BOATS FOR AMERICA

WASHINGTON. THE UNITED STATES NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS ADOPTED DESIGNS PERFECTED BY MR. HUBERT SCOTT PAINE, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE BRITISH POWER BOAT COMPANY, FOR 11 FAST MOTOR TORPEDO-BOATS AND 12 SUBMARINE CHASERS, WHICH WILL BE USED FOR DEFENCE IN AMERICAN COASTAL WATERS.

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They will vary in length from 60ft to 170ft, and develop speeds of nearly 50 miles an hour.

After experiments have been carried out, the design for mass production will be decided on.

GERMANS ASK EXTRA RATIONS

Food offices in German towns are besieged by people claiming additional rations on the ground that they are heavy workers, "extra-heavy" workers or night workers. Others plead that they work exceptionally long hours, or have to travel a great distance to their work.

The numerous categories cause much confusion. The Berlin food office alone is dealing daily with the cases of thousands of workers who think they have been wrongly classified. Many cases of "wangling" are also reported, and more stringent regulations have been introduced to cope with them.

For example, a person who lives so far from his work that he is away from home for some than 11 hours is entitled to extra rations. It was found, reports Goebbels's newspaper, the "Angriff," that to claim these some people were walking to and from their work instead of travelling by train or tram. All applicants now have to produce forms countersigned by their employers stating exactly how long the daily journeys take.

NAZI BAN ON ENGLISH BOOKS

According to Swiss reports from Berlin, Dr. Goebbels will shortly issue an order forbidding the sale of all English and French books, in the original or in translation.

How far the ban will embrace the classics is unknown. It is expected, however, to include the books and plays of Mr. Bernard Shaw, one of Germany's favourite authors. His "Pygmalion" is now being performed in Berlin.



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NIGHT CONVOY PULLS IN

The barrows and the dangles stand against one side of the loading bank at the Bouts-Tillotson London depot, the boddlers against the other.

The bank is piled with every size and shape of parcel, box and bale. Barrows are ten and twenty-ton lorries, ocean liners of the road; dangles are trailers; and the boddlers the small collection and delivery vans which feed them.

Three hundred tons of merchandise will vanish into the black-out from this bank to-night bound for every part of the country.

Another 300 tons will arrive.

Thirty lorries out, thirty in. For night traffic is heavier since the war.

It is 7 p.m. when ARTHUR DYKE (they call him "Tea-cake") takes out No. 503, the first twenty-two-ton solo for the north. At 6.30 to-morrow morning, while it is still dark, he will pull into Manchester, 200 miles, twenty cigarettes, two cups of tea away.

The black-out is inside the cabin as well as out. Only a faint, luminous glow from the figures on the speedometer. The seat is as upright as a cathedral stall, but roomier. And hotter.

ARTHUR is fifty-one. He has been night driving for fifteen years.

Since the war he has been driving five trips—1,000 miles—a week. Two up, two down, and on the fifth a change-over at half-way with the first down-driver, so he can spend the week-end in London, where he lives. He gets £1 a trip, making £5 a week.

The 110 horse-power engine over which we sit roars up imperceptible gradients through dark, deserted London streets.

The war and the black-out have not made much difference to ARTHUR, but there have been changes.

Makes the night a bit longer when it's black all the way. Plenty of company though. Lot of R.A.F. chaps wanting lifts north. Can't afford the fares on their pay. But you won't see many lorry girls. Went off the roads a long time ago. Birmingham Lil and Coventry Kate were the last.

Hour after hour the glistening black ribbon of road slips under the cabin windows. "More lorries join us." We move in convoy. All the same way. Some are cargo boats. We are a Queen Mary.

ARTHUR winks his headlights to pass. The bobbing rear light ahead signals back. Once we are in front the headlights behind signal "You're clear of me. You can pull across now." Our rear light winks "Thanks, mate."

Thirty miles up the road we stop at BILL'S CAFE for "the best cup of tea on the road." Tea, and hot bacon sandwiched between thick slices of fresh bread.

After eleven o'clock lorries begin to pass us coming down. Midnight is the peak. Two seventy-mile stretches of traffic, converging from north and south, pass in the centre of England between eleven and three every night.

There's a glow up the road. We pull up. In a minute the road up and

down is a solid block of lorries. It's a lorry burning out. Soldiers from a camp have been helping unload it. There is a smell of stewed fruit.

The block clears and the convoy spreads out again, jockeying for position. The soldiers at the road-side are munching pears.

Different parts of the road have different names. This stretch, the only one where the old country road with high hedges has not yet been swallowed by arterial tarmac, is called "The Rut."

Here is "Sleepy Valley," where the old road still runs for a stretch beside the new one and has not been turfed in. Drivers often pull in to it for a sleep.

SID'S PLACE is just briskening up at one o'clock when I drop off there to wait for the first solo down, whom ARTHUR will signal to pick me up.

White oil-cloth on the tables. A log stove, darts board and penny machine. Apple tarts, pies, doughnuts, stewed fruit, custard under a glass slab: bottled sweets on the shelves.

Conversation is technical, but colourful. Humour is strictly below the bonnet.

"Where's Archie?"

"Asleep in his cabin down the road with two burst tyres. Turned out nice again, ain't it, eh?"

"Hitler and 'is 'ole bloomin' army couldn't bloomin' well force me to take that bloomin' barrow on that bloomin' trip. I told him straight."

"Your back tyre's allight, my man, he says to me. Drive on to that water-tank down the road. Help yourself, I says to him. I've got 200 gallons of petrol on board. I'm 'op-ping it."

BILL Ellis, in No. 490, is the first solo down.

BILL is thirty. He has been five years on nights. He left a northern dock at 7.30 last evening. It is now 2 a.m. He will be in at 6.30.

He doesn't like the black-out. He figures it this way:—

The new headlights give you nothing like twenty-five yards, and you need room to pull up a twenty-two ton lorry. So you've got to take a risk. Horses and cows on the road are the worst. One put a big wagon into a ditch only this week. A proper pile-up it was.

BILL never finds it monotonous on the roads at night.

It's like this. You get to know the road like the back of your hand after a month on it. We run so regular, like trains, that I never carry a watch. I can always tell the time by what I am passing.

But there's always something different on the road, different wagons to recognise, different things.

From four o'clock onwards all traffic is going our way again. Even the lorries, browsing like droves of prehistoric monsters with dim gig-lamp eyes along the grass verges outside pull-ups, all point south.

Two minutes after six-thirty BILL turns his 110 horses into the London yard, ten and a half hours and two minutes—with half an hour's stop—since leaving the northern depot.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



CONVICTS SHOP IN CROWDED STREET

Plymouth, January 12.

At least two of the three convicts who escaped from Dartmoor last night, to-day went shopping in a busy Plymouth street while armed men searched the moors miles away.

That they got so far has given rise to the belief that they may have had help from outside and have been given food and money. If so they may be anywhere now.

Scotland Yard are watching London stations to-night. The men are unnoticeably dressed and have had plenty of time to catch a train.

It is now clear that while the hunt was at its height last night they "searched for themselves" disguised in warders' black oilskins.

Warders, police, mounted and foot, patrol cars, special constables, and civilians had been guarding roads, visiting farms, stopping cars, and searching Dartmoor as far as Exeter for nearly 24 hours when the first clue was found late this afternoon—footprints of several men on an embankment where a branch line joins the G.W.R. main line.

TWO JACKETS

Did the convicts, avoiding well-guarded roads, walk 17 miles to Plymouth along the railway in last night's black-out?

Plymouth came suddenly into the search zone a little later; two convicts' jackets, one of them marked with Nolan's name, and two warders' black mackintoshes were found neatly folded in a passage of a house in King-street.

Police cars raced to the house.

A few minutes later it was established that a man in a cap and unshaven, whose description tallies exactly with that of William Nolan, aged 32, most dangerous man of the three, had bought two blue lounge coats, two pairs of blue dungarees, and a pair of gumboots from a second-hand clothes shop near by.

He had paid cash. Where the money came from is a mystery. No robberies have been reported in the district.

More inquiries satisfied the police that the man for whom he had bought the second outfit was Charles John Sparks, alias Alfred Watson, aged 36, who was sentenced to four years' penal servitude for the prominent part he played in the Dartmoor mutiny of 1932. He knows Plymouth well.

Of the third man, Alexander Marsh, there was still no trace late to-night.

WARTIME CLUB STRUCK OFF

Le Rat Mort, Gerrard-street, was described at Bow-street Police Court, as one of a number of clubs opened in Soho since the outbreak of the war simply to "catch" soldiers, sailors and airmen.

The Magistrate ordered it to be struck off the register.

George Ptohopoulos (30), by Bayham-street, N.W., said to have been part proprietor, and Michael Carrolls (34), of Percy-street, W.C., chairman of the club and "sleeping partner," were each fined £50 for selling alcoholic liquor without a licence and after permitted hours, and permitting gaming with two automatic machines. Ptohopoulos was also ordered to pay £20 costs.

Samuel Wacks, of Tottenham-street, W.C., the secretary, was fined £50 for selling drinks after hours and permitting gaming.

Len Peters, of Hackney-road, E., who supplied the machines, was fined £10 for using the premises for gaming. The machines were ordered to be destroyed.

Carrolls said that he lent £200, but took no part in the management.

BEDROOM ABOVE

Superintendent Cole said that the

KILLED HIS PAL, WEEPS IN COURT

An Army sergeant-major, who accidentally shot his friend with a revolver, broke down after telling the story at Croydon Coroner's Court, yesterday, and had to be assisted from the court.

He was Sergeant-Major Edward Terence Duggan, and the dead man was Sergeant Harold Brian Wright (30), whose home was at Dollis-hill, Finchley.

The tragedy occurred three days ago, and it was stated that the two men, who were the best of friends, shared the same bedroom.

In civil life, Sergeant Wright was an engineer.

It was alleged that Sergeant-Major Duggan had several times been seen playing with his revolver.

On one occasion, it was stated, he fired a shot in his room, and Sergeant Butcher, who happened to be present, told him it was a most unsafe thing to do, and that, moreover, it was against regulations.

HE WAS SHAVING

On the day of the tragedy the dead man was shaving when the revolver went off, killing him.

Immediately afterwards Duggan collapsed.

Dr. Temple Grey said the bullet entered the body on the right side, passing through both lungs and the heart, and almost emerged from the left side. Death was due to haemorrhage from the heart.

After a long retirement, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and added no rider.

Replying to expressions of sympathy, Mr. Williams started to criticise the evidence of Duggan, and was suggesting that certain evidence had not been given, when the Deputy Coroner said: "I cannot allow you to make any observations now. The case is concluded."

"If you are not satisfied you can apply to the Divisional Court, but so far as I am concerned the inquiry is closed."

DUGGAN'S OUTBURST

Describing the accident, Sergeant-Major Duggan, who was greatly distressed, said:—

"I took the revolver off my bed and, talking to Williams, I went to 'break' it.

"I think I cocked it instead of 'breaking' it.

"I accidentally pulled the trigger with my thumb, and it went off."

Mr. Williams (counsel for the relatives of the dead man) said he accepted what had happened as a pure accident, but he did not accept Duggan's version of what had occurred.

Duggan, with much emotion, then said: "God knows I did not intend to kill him."

ARGENTINE CREDITS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The Exports and Imports Bank has granted Argentina credits aggregating \$675,000,000 for the purchase of American railway equipment.—Havas.

N.Z. GIFT TO FINLAND

Wellington, To-day.

The New Zealand Government yesterday decided to allot £5,000 for Red Cross work in Finland.—Reuter.

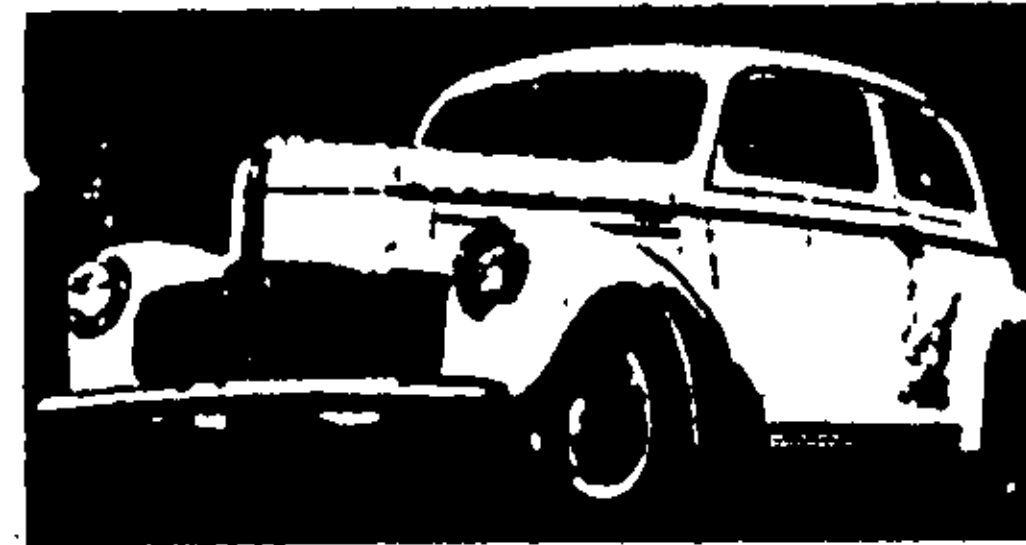
club was one of a number opened in Soho since the war simply to "catch" soldiers, sailors, airmen, and others. It was frequented by women known to the police and disorderly house keepers. Ptohopoulos had the reputation in Soho of possessing some personality, but his clubs had been a source of trouble to the police. Wacks, a native of Warsaw, had been associated with Soho club life for many years. Above the club room were bedrooms, in which the police found disgusting paraphernalia.

"These premises," said Mr. Dummett, the Magistrate, "seem to be run in a way which embraces everything one would desire should not exist, particularly having regard to the times in which we live."

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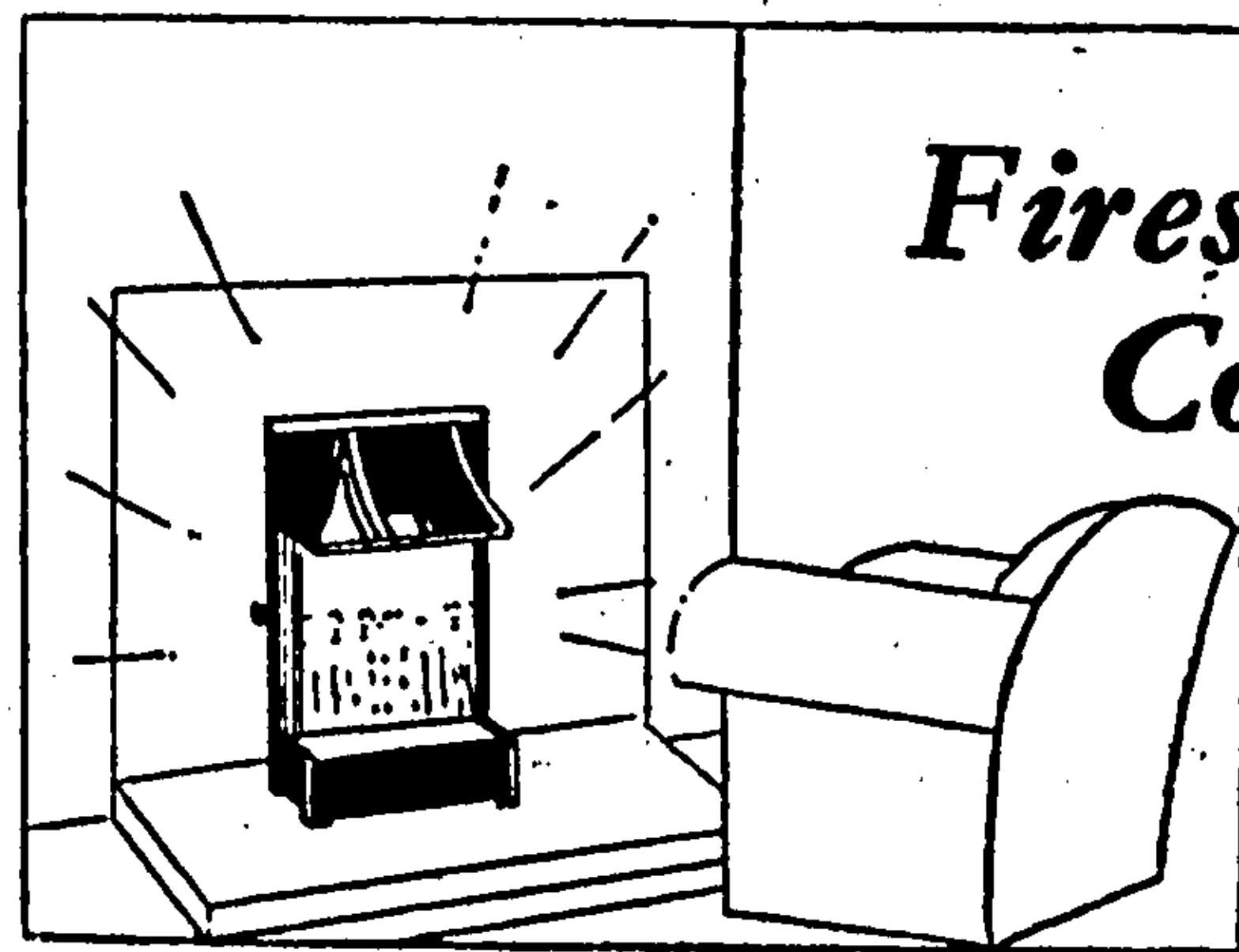
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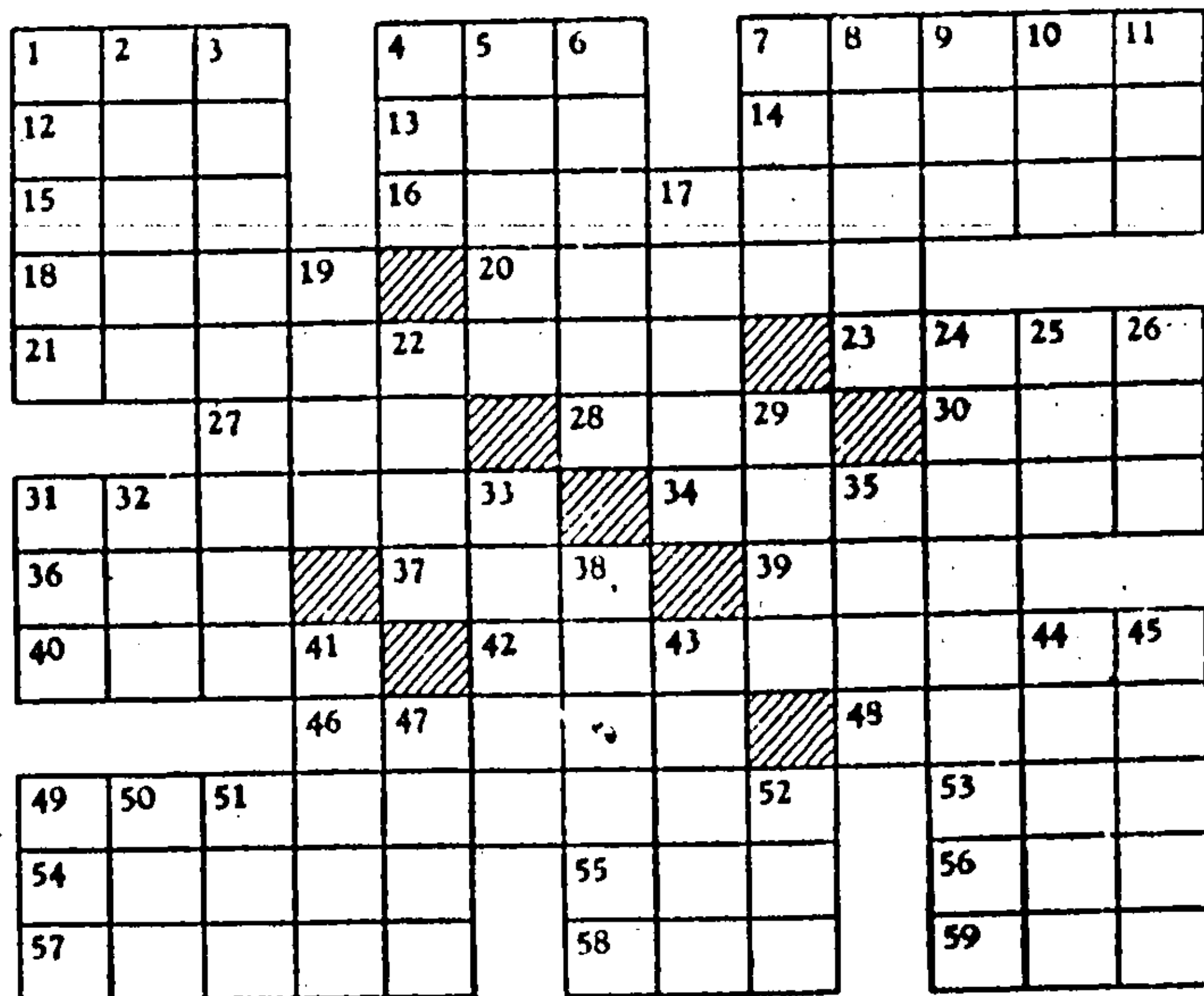
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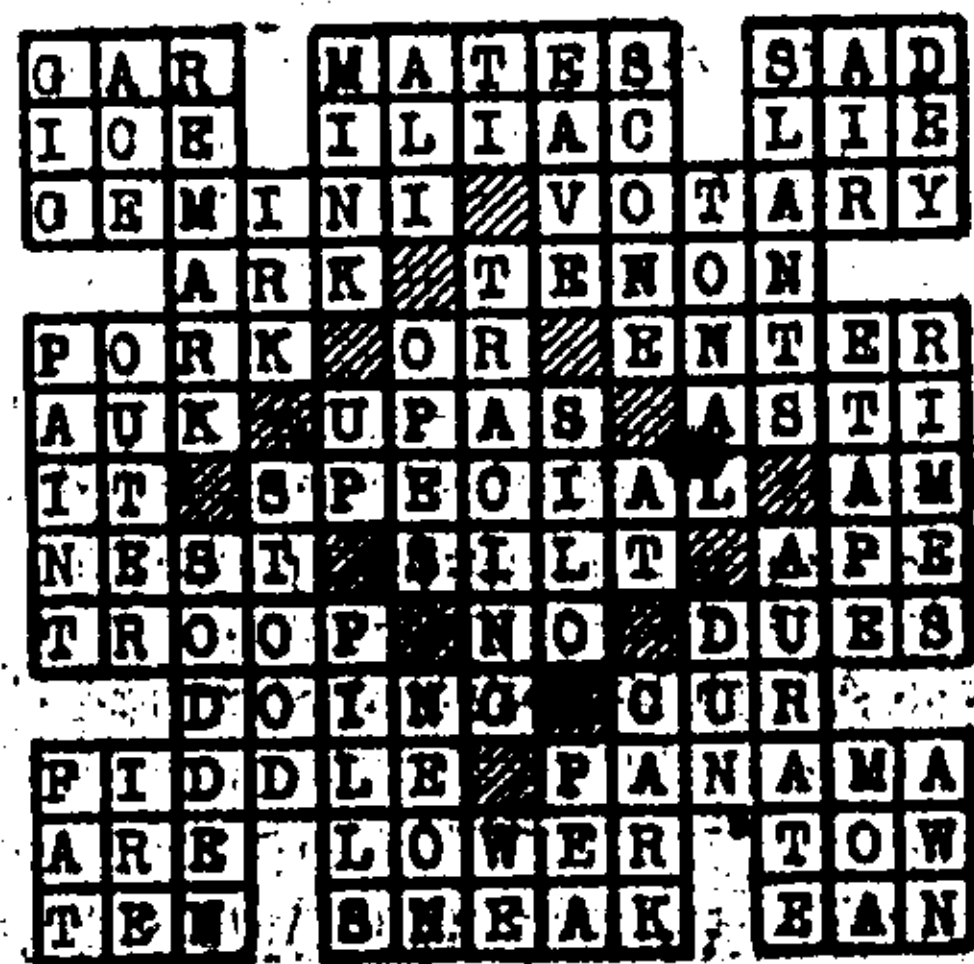
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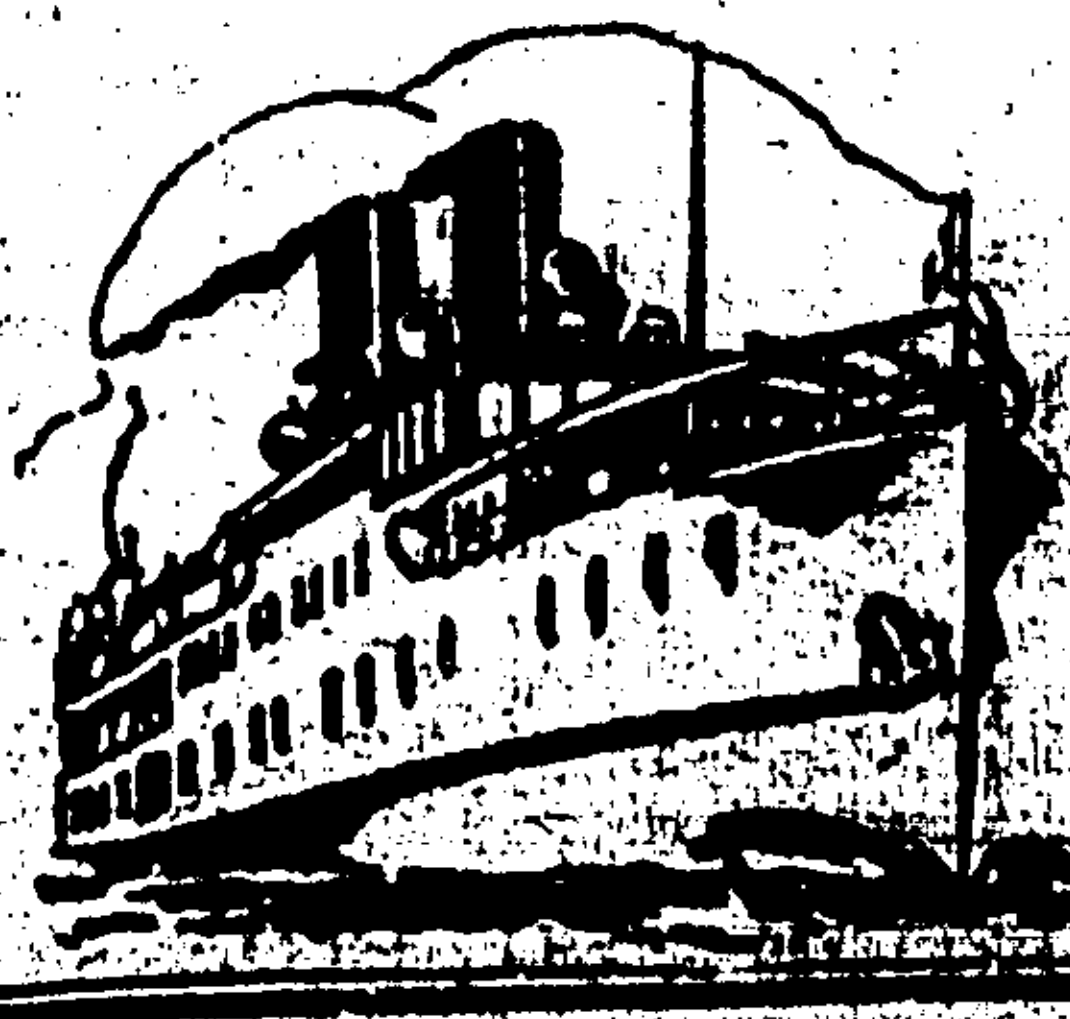
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CLOAK ROOM TICKET LEADS TO GALLOWS

This is a queer story of how the inquiries of a suspicious wife unexpectedly brought to light a young woman's disappearance and revealed a frightful tragedy in a Summer home in England.

It began when Mrs. Mahn picked up a Waterloo station check room ticket which had fallen from a suit of her husband's clothes while she was cleaning it. She took the unprecedented method of calling on the police to find out what the ticket represented. She said her husband had left town a few days before on what purported to be a business trip but that she was sceptical about his truthfulness.

Scotland Yard does not pretend to settle domestic troubles, but Chief Inspector Savage was put on the case. It wasn't long before he found that this was no petty matter, but the kind of a mystery in which the Yard delighted. He presented the ticket at



on the floor of the living room and the disorder of the place indicated a struggle.

It was next ascertained that Mahn had purchased a large carving knife and the description of it furnished by the dealer showed that it corresponded precisely with the bloody knife found in the Gladstone bag that had been deposited at Waterloo Station.

Inspector Savage now had sufficient evidence to arrest Mahn who was taken into custody and cross-examined. England does not have anything comparable to the third degree practiced in the United States. The prisoner was reminded of his constitutional rights and told that he did not have to tell anything which might incriminate him.

But in the midst of the examination he broke down, made a confession. He said that when he and Miss Kaye arrived at the bungalow they got into an argument. He claims she threw a coal ax at him and that in the ensuing struggle she fell and hit her head on a coal scuttle from the effects of which she died.

CALLED DEATH ACCIDENTAL

His one desire was to get rid of the body. He hurried to the city, bought the carving knife, dismembered the remains. Then came the ghastly business of disposing of the members piecemeal. One part was thrown into a lake, another buried and so on until the egruesome end. The knife and other articles were put in the Gladstone bag and checked at the Waterloo Station. Later, Mahn said, he intended to think out a way of hiding them. He felt he was perfectly safe and that no one would ever know what became of the unfortunate young woman.

But his house of flimsy cards was knocked to the ground when Mrs. Mahn found the ticket for the check room of the Waterloo Station and turned it over to Scotland Yard. The result was as amazing to her as it was to her murderous husband. His plea of accidental death was disregarded by the jury and he was convicted.

SMOOTH WORKING OF THE NEW ARMY

Since the outbreak of war the aim of the War Office in accepting recruits, whether compulsory or voluntary, has been to balance the requirements of the Army and industries of national importance. The responsible members of the staff are confident that the method of choosing men is 90 per cent. efficient and that it has eliminated most of the waste of man-power that took place in the last war.

In addition to the hundreds of thousands of men called up on compulsory service, the authorities have had to deal with well over 100,000 voluntary recruits. The number is actually greater than that accepted by the Army in the corresponding period of 1914. As was announced recently the total strength of the Army at the end of this year was in excess of 2,000,000.

EXEMPTIONS

Except for volunteers who apply to local recruiting depots or regiments, every man is now called up by the Ministry of Labour in much the same way as the original batch of militia last July. The well-trained staffs of the Labour Exchanges decide which men are apparently entitled to claim temporary exemption through employment in reserved occupations. Details are sent to the War Office, where the final decision rests.

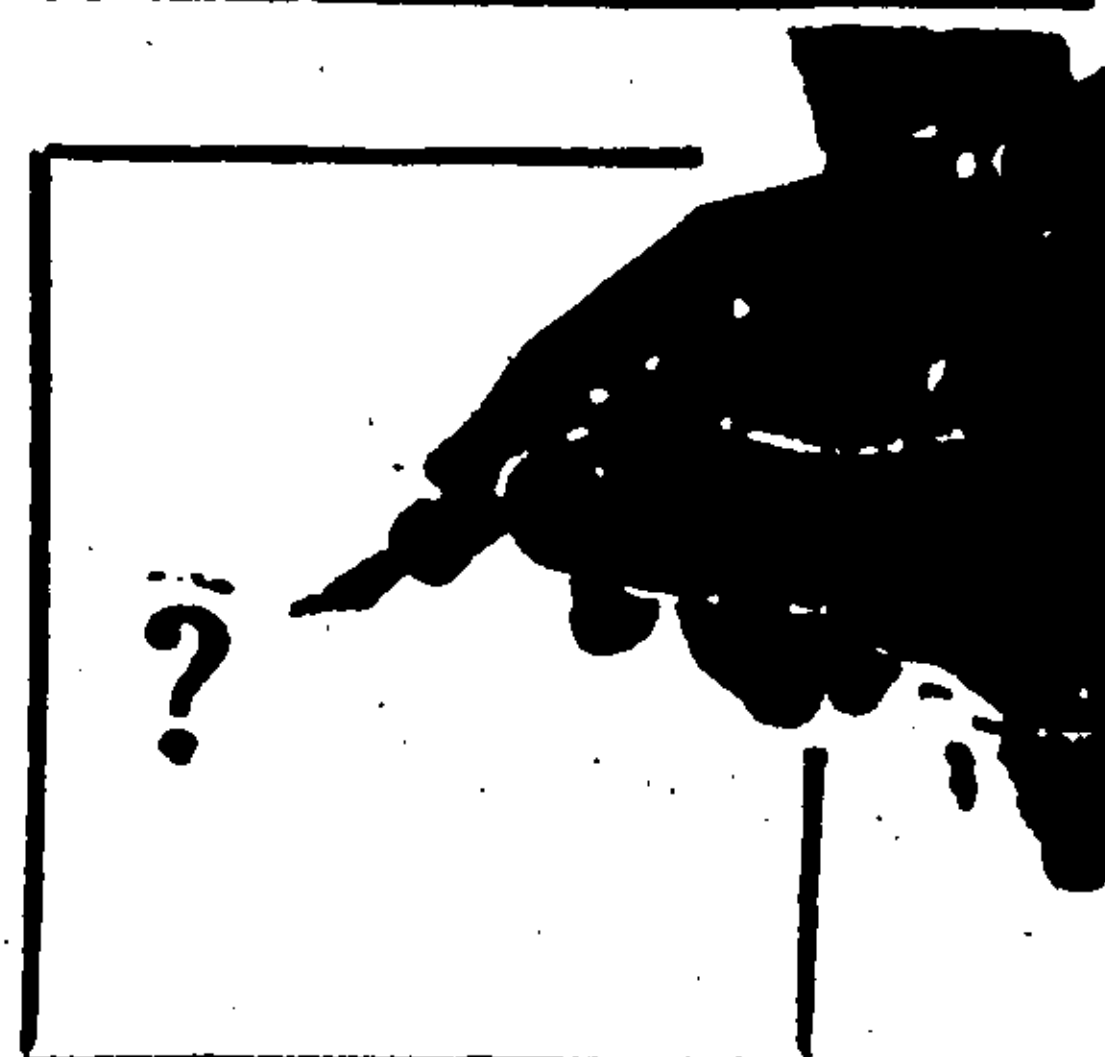
Besides those who are almost automatically exempted, there is a large number of men who, through personal contacts in business, can perform work of economic importance. In such cases the War Office can grant exemption on the recommendation of the Board of Trade or other Government Department concerned.

A much tighter hand is kept on exemptions than was the case in the last war, and there is little chance of anyone securing exemption because of exaggerated claims by employers of their value and importance.

HOW IT IS DONE

The system of calling-up differs in many essentials from that of the 1914 to 1918 war. Men now receive adequate warning of the date on which they have to report for duty and are consequently able to put their home affairs in order before joining the Army. So far, the system has caused the minimum of dislocation in home, factory or office life.

Apart from this advantage, the "deferred embodiment system," as it is called, simplifies the training of the large army we are now called on to produce. It avoids unnecessary crowding at depots and ensures that each regiment or unit is at a definite stage of training, and consequently the War Staff can gauge accurately the first-line strength that will be available at any given date.



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BIG THREEPENNY BIT IS VERY POPULAR

The new large threepenny-piece, which at first was received with scorn, is winning popularity—"bit" by "bit."

The annual report of the Royal Mint says that in 1938 15,686,500 of these coins were requisitioned, more than twice the number of the old silver threepenny bit.

More than 60,000,000 of the new coins had been issued by the end of 1938—still a small proportion of the 4,000,000,000 pieces of other denominations which are in circulation.

The report states that in picture-houses where prices consist of multiples of threepence, bronze coin as change has been eliminated. The large threepenny-bit makes it easier to count the till.

The most popular silver coin is the sixpence, which forms nearly one-third of the number of silver coins issued in 1938.

HID HER SOLDIER-SWEETHEART IN MATTRESSES

"I did not want him to go," an eighteen-year-old Bolton girl told the police when they found her soldier sweetheart hiding between two mattresses in the cellar of her home.

Elsie Boardman, of Bull-lane, was accused at Bolton of concealing Gunner W. Gibson, an Army absentee.

It was stated that these proceedings, the first of their kind since the war, were brought as a warning.

The girl told police she had not seen Gibson since the previous Sunday.

After searching upstairs they found him in the cellar. He was handed over to an escort of soldiers.

The girl was discharged under the Probation of Offenders Act.

Miss Boardman said:

"I do hope this will not affect his Christmas leave. I didn't want him to leave me so soon. We have known each other for about twelve months

CITY TO HAVE A.R.P. "NERVE DOCTORS"

Leeds A.R.P. wardens of executive rank are to be trained as "nerve doctors" by experts in psychology and psycho-analysis.

This week they will start attending lectures given by members of the Leeds Medical and Pastoral Society, composed of doctors and clergymen.

"After a course of psychology-training at the four Leeds A.R.P. headquarters, wardens will be able to calm panic-stricken individuals," Mr. R. S. Hudson, the Society chief said.

"They will hand on their knowledge to their subordinates."

and were hoping to be married at Christmas.

"If he does not get home we shall have to cancel the arrangements until he does get leave."



Dieting Dot says the only time she feels she failed completely is when she steps on the bathroom scales.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—TANGOS by Heinz Huppertz and His Orchestra.
Fireflowers (Edmund Kotscher).
Lamentol (Muck-Caros).
Land of Magic (Gerhard Winkler).
Golden Stars (Kronenberg).
Eternal Sun (Llossas).
12.47 p.m.—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me in Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Cry, Baby, Cry; Sweet As A Song (film 'Sally, Irene and Mary'); There's A New Apple Tree.
Waltz—The Umbrella Man (from 'These Foolish Things').
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—STUART ROBERTSON (Baritone) and the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
Youth and Vigour (Lautenschlager); 'The Arcadians' Selection (Monckton).

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
There's A Tavern In The Town; John Peel; Clementine; Solomon Levi; The Mermaid; Polly Wolly Doodle.... Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus.
Selection of Wilfred Sanderson's Songs.
Intro: Drake goes West; My dear Soul; Captain Mac; The Company Sergeant Major; Friend o' mine; Up from Somerset; Until.... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—LATEST VARIETY.

Vocal—Mary Read (from 'The Fleet's It Up'); Hide and Seek (from 'The Fleet's It Up').... Adele Dixon and Ralph Reader and the London Hippodrome Orchestra conducted by Gerald.
Comedian—The Worm (Woodward & Askey); Kipling (Taylor).... Arthur Askey with Orchestra and Piano.
Vocal—Undecided (Robin-Shavers); If I Were Sure of You (from 'Cotton Club Parade').... The Dandridge Sisters with Orchestra.
Vocal—Why Isn't It You? (from 'Crest of the Wave').... Dorothy Dickson and Walter Crisham with Orchestra; If You Only Knew (from 'Crest of the Wave').... Dorothy Dickson (Soprano) with Orchestra and Male Chorus.
Vocal—Something To Do With Spring (from 'Words and Music'); The Party's Over Now (from 'Words and Music').... Noel Coward with Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—COMPOSITIONS OF DEBUSSY.
The Children's Corner—Suite.... Walter Gieseking (Piano).
Nuit D'Etoiles.... Heleine Ludolph (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Gerald Moore and Organ accomp. by Herbert Dawson.
Minstrels.... Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Arthur Balsam.
Sarabande.... Boston Symphony Orchestra cond. by Serge Koussevitsky.
Poissons D'Or (from 'Images').... Ricardo Vines (Piano).
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—BRAHMS—Concerto in D Major, Op. 77. Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by John Barbirolli.
7.12 p.m.—BRAHMS—Zigeunerlieder, Op. 103. The Madrigal Singers conducted by Lehman Engel with D. Everett Roudeshush at the Piano.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—LATEST VARIETY AND DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trots—Till The Lights of London Shine Again I'll Pray for You.... Jack Jackson & His Band.
Vocal—Comes Love (Brown & Others); My Heart Keeps Cryin' (Lamour-Grade).... Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs To Daddy; Fox-Trot—Most Gentlemen Don't Like Love.... Jack Hylton & His Orch.
Comedians—"Big" and "Stinker's" Parlour Games (Askey & Murdoch).... Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch.
Organ—Good Old Songs Medley.
Intro: Daisy Bell; Nellie Dean; The Man who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo; Here we are Again; Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay; Down at the Old Bull and Bush.... Reginald Foort.
Vocal—Blue Orchids (Carmichael); It's A Hundred To One (Kemper-Jurgens).... Dick Todd with Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—I'll Remember; Quickstep—Lords of the Air.... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

Orchestra—Gaiety Memories.
Intro: Going Up; Every Little Girl can teach me something New; The Last Waltz; They didn't believe me; White City; Brighton; The Tickle Toe; Mary; Here in my Arms; The Guards Brigade.... London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood.
Vocal w. Orch.—Willow, Tilt Willow (Park-Davies); Crash! Bang! I Want To Go Home (from 'Black Velvet').... Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys.
Fox-Trots—Good Bye, Sally (from 'Shepherd's Pie'); A Mother's Prayer at Twilight.... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—Local Sport Results.
9.32 p.m.—MORE LATEST VARIETY AND DANCE MUSIC.
Vocal & Talking—Max Miller In The Theatre (Recorded in The Finbury Park Empire).... Max Miller with Orch.
Slow Fox-Trot—Ridin' Home; Novelty Fox-Trot—If A Grey-Haired Lady.... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Vocal & Orch.—Down At The Hole In The Wall (Holmes & Others); Oh, Ain't It Grand To Be In The Navy (from 'All at Sea').... Arthur Askey with Jack Hylton & Some of His Boys.
Fox-Trot—Have You Met Miss Jones (from 'All Clear'); Slow Fox-Trot—Get Out Of Town.... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Military Band—Warlike March Medley.
Intro: Tipperary; Quand Madelon; Ca'est Paris; Wish me Luck; The Siegfried Line; Beer Barrel Polka.... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Capt. J. Causley Windram.
Vocal—When The Sergeant Major's On Parade (Longstaffe); When The Guards Go Marching By (Barker).... Peter Dawson (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—An Apple For The Teacher (film 'The Star Maker'); Still The Bluebird Sings (film 'The Star Maker').... Larry Clinton & His Orchestra.
10.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—Old Glasgow Favourites of the 1880's & 1890's to the present Century.
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—'London Log'.
11.15 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trots—That Started It; We Must All Stick Together.... Billy Cotton & His Band.
Waltz—There's Danger In The Waltz (from 'The Little Dog Laughed'); Slow Fox-Trot—I Never Knew Heaven Could Speak (film 'Rose of Washington Square').... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—I Used To Love You; Anita.... 'Fats' Waller & His Rhythm.
Tangos—Red Poppies; Nothing But Lies.... Emil Roosz & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—In An 18th Century Drawing Room; Siberian Sleigh Ride.... Hal Kemp & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—You Made Me Care; Roses Are Blooming In Loveland.... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
Quickstep—In The Middle of a Dream.... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.
Fox-Trots—You Grow Sweeter as the Years Go By; Tears from My Inkwell.... Jay Wilbur & His Band.
12.00 midnight.—CLOSE DOWN.

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GOOD PLAY

While South was not supposed to be even close to the expert class, he played his three-notrump contract as well as any master. The hand was one of those where optimistic bidding plus good breaks and good play brought a fine result.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 6 5
♥ K 10 8 3 2
♦ J 8 7 4
♣ Q 8

♠ K J 9 8
♥ Q J 7 4
♦ 9 6 2
♣ J 10

♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ A 9
♦ K 10 5
♣ 7 6 8 2

♠ A 7 2
♥ 6 5
♦ A Q 3
♣ A K 9 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

West opened a spade and South, after ducking the first two leads, won the third round. After leading a club to dummy's Queen, a diamond was played and a successful finesse taken for the King. Now Declarer ran off four more club tricks, retaining in dummy the King-ten of hearts and the Jack and one diamond. The final club lead was very embarrassing to East. Holding two hearts, two diamonds and a spade, West chose the best discard—the heart nine. Now South led a heart and, although West

played the Jack (West had retained the Queen-Jack), South played low from dummy and East's Ace dropped. The defence then cashed a spade trick, but South won the last two tricks with the diamond Ace and dummy's King of hearts.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner, both sides were vulnerable and you held:

♠ x x x
♥ K J 10 x x
♦ Q x
♣ K x x

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby Maier You
1♠ Dbl. Pass (1)

Answer: Your correct bid is three hearts. Your partner's takeout double shows a strong hand and you would be forced to respond even with a completely worthless hand. Under the conditions your hand is unusually strong and you should make a forcing takeout.

Score 100 per cent. for three hearts, 30 per cent. for two hearts, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 325
You are the dealer. Merwin Maier is your partner and you hold:

♠ A 10 x x x
♥ x
♦ K x x x
♣ A J x

The bidding:
You Burnstone Maier Schenken
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
(1)

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HOCKEY

SAINTS
LADIES ON
VIEW AT
VALLEY

Only three games have been arranged in the Ladies' Hockey League to-day, but an important game will be played in the Caer Clark Cup competition when Hong Kong Ladies meet St. Andrew's at Happy Valley.

St. Andrew's, who are now practically on level terms with "Y" Ladies, are fielding the same team which defeated the champions recently and Mrs. West-Schalvurg will be seen in her usual position at right-half.

Hong Kong Ladies have made several changes. Miss Baskett will be seen in goal and Mrs. Dalziel in the pivotal position. Miss J. Greig, who has played in the defence, will lead the attack.

In the first game St. Andrew's drew 3-all after leading at one time by two clear goals.

Following is to-day's hockey programme and the teams:—

CAER CLARK CUP

H.K. Ladies v St. Andrew's Ladies (Valley, 3.15 p.m.)

BROWN CUP

C.B.A. Ladies v St. Andrew's Ladies (C.B.A., 4.15 p.m.)

Recreio Ladies v C.B.S. (C.B.S., 3 p.m.)

SENIORS

H.K. LADIES—Miss S. Baskett; Miss E. Carey and Miss B. Stratton; Miss J. Booker, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss S. Green; Miss Marr, Miss Greig, Miss M. Booker, Miss M. Smalley and Miss Purves.

ST. ANDREW'S L.—Miss J. Hall; Miss G. White and Miss M. da Roza; Mrs. West-Schalvurg, Miss J. Wong and Miss B. Greaves; Miss F. Wong, Miss M. Churn, Mrs. P. Bliss, Miss H. Reid and Miss S. Roberts.

JUNIORS

C.B.A. LADIES—Miss W. Grimmer; Mrs. M. Mackay and Miss V. Beaumont; Miss N. Duckworth, Miss J. Felshaw and Miss B. Louis; Mrs. J. Crawford, Miss P. Baxter, Miss E. Woolley, Miss F. Grimmer and Miss I. Cunningham.

ST. ANDREW'S L.—Miss H. Millington; Mrs. A. Hamson and Miss G. Darby; Miss P. Jeffreys, Miss S. Arnold and Miss Doughty; Miss E. Banker, Miss I. Hicks, Miss B. Longbottom, Miss H. May and Miss J. Jex.

RECREIO L.—Miss C. Silva; Miss E. Rosario and Miss M. Ribeiro; Mrs. B. Castro, Miss N. Osmund and Miss M. Carvalho; Miss L. Rodrigues, Miss M. Figueiredo, Miss M. Campos, Miss N. Gonsalves and Miss I. Rosario.

C.B.S.—Miss P. Loseby; Miss S. Gehring and Miss J. Tinson; Miss S. Burroughs, Miss J. Bonney and Miss B. Rickwood; Miss K. Grant, Miss J. Stokes, Miss M. McFarlane, Miss E. Rousseau and Miss P. Beraha.

Y.M.C.A. MEET RADIO
AND POSTAL SPORTS
CLUB

An interesting men's hockey match should be witnessed at King's Park this afternoon at 4.15 p.m. when Y.M.C.A. first eleven meet Radio and Postal Sports Club, the latter being unofficially considered to be the strongest civilian team.

Prior to this game, Y.M.C.A. second eleven meet R.A.O.C. on the same ground at 3 p.m.

Following are the teams:—
1st XI v. Radio ("Y" ground, 4.15 p.m.)—Benwell (Capt.); Jordan and Yourieff; Bates, McLellan and Colledge; Macey, Gemmell, Taylor, Waldron and Coombe.
2nd XI v. R.A.O.C. ("Y" ground, 3.00 p.m.)—Clegg; Kileen and Perry; Smits, Tomlinson and Broch; Stone, Dormer (Capt.), Spare, Greenberg and Banks.
Radio:—U. B. Souza; A. E. P. Guest and J. F. Grewal; Jeggett Singh, M. H. Hussain and Gurdal Singh; Karinder Singh, Bu-china Singh, Awtar Singh, Jangder Singh and G. M. Paitu.

RECREIO V. MACAO

Club de Recreio are meeting the Macao hockey team in a series of games during the Chinese New Year holidays in Hong Kong.

TO-MORROW'S TENNIS

The following will represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club at tennis against Civil Service Cricket Club to-morrow at Happy Valley, commencing at 2.30 p.m.—J. B. Sturgeon and Mrs. Sturgeon, C. E. Turpin and Mrs. Clarke, F. F. Clarke and Mrs. G. Peckham and P. Peckham and Mrs. E. Turpin.

Navy Badly Handicapped For
To-Day's Senior Shield GameHOLDERS FIELDING TO-DAY'S
STRONGEST TEAM RUGBY

South China "A", holders, should enter the Semi-Final Round of the Senior Shield football competition when they clash with Navy this afternoon at Caroline Hill.

Navy will be without the services of Roughley and Hendy, their backs, and are uncertain of their line-up, while the Chinese will be represented by their best available team Lau Tau-man again being seen on the left-wing.

The opportunity has been taken to play-off several postponed Third Division games, but most of the games are likely to be one-sided affairs. The most attractive one should be that between Kumaons and 24th Royal Artillery. Kumaons beat Medicals last week and only lost to International by the odd goal in three recently after having marched from camp in the morning.

To-morrow Eastern meet South China "B" in First Division. Tsui Ah-fai will be seen in action and probably in the Eastern attack.

In their first clash Eastern were fortunate to win by a narrow margin, but this week South China "B" will be strengthened by the inclusion of Lee Shek-yau and Tse Kam-hung.

Police, who are still in the Shield competition, meet Kwong Wah at Boundary Street. On form, the Chinese should win, but Police may upset them as they will have Wong Man-kwai leading their attack.

Following is the week-end programme:—

TO-DAY

Senior Shield (Second Round)

South China "A" v Navy (Caroline Hill, 4.10 p.m.)

Referee:—Minnihan.

Linesmen:—Gibson and Fraser.

Junior Shield (Second Round)

South China v 8th Royal Artillery (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Foster.

Second Division ("B")

University v Kowloon (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—F. G. Smith.

Third Division

Signals v 5th A.A.R.A. (Military, 2.45 p.m.)

Referee:—Salter.

Electric v South China (Club, 2.45 p.m.)

Referee:—Barretto.

Club v Kitchee (Club, 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Horlock.

Kumaons v 24th R.A. (Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)

Referee:—K. K. Ip.

R.A.M.C. v Royal Scots (Military, 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Benham.

TO-MORROW

First Division

Eastern v South China "B" (Club, 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Clarke.

Linesmen:—Wilson and A. W. Smith.

Kwong Wah v Police (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)

Referee:—Ford.

Linesmen:—Wyper and Adlard.

Junior Shield (Second Round)

International v Police (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Dove.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1940

Senior Shield (Second Round)

Police v Middlesex (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

The Police ground at Boundary Street will be opened to Rugby this afternoon with two matches, Army v Police at 4.15 p.m. and Club "A" v an Australian Naval Reserve team at 3 p.m.

Douglas is making his first appearance for Army in several months but is playing at full-back instead of in his normal position of fly-half. Picton, the regular full-back, is at wing-threequarter with a wing-threequarter in Arlingstall as his partner. Richards, Army's star wing-threequarter, will be the other centre, with Birrell, whose kicking will be watched with interest, on his outside. Waite, a centre-threequarter, will be at fly-half in place of the injured Hook. At forward, Ridsdale is making a welcome reappearance after a spell of cricket, but Duke is again an absentee.

Wall is still on the injured list, otherwise Police are at full strength.

Army experiments do not look too promising and Police should win a close game.

It is understood that H. E. the Governor will be present for the senior game.

Following are the teams:

ARMY—Lt. Douglas, L/Cpl. Picton, Spr. Arlingstall, L/Bdr. Richards, L/Cpl. Birrell, L/Cpl. Waite, L/Cpl. Foley, Pte. Berry, Cpl. Sutherland, Lieut. Hewitt, Lieut. Cuthbertson, Lieut. Millar, Lt. Pinkerton, Sgt. Page, Lt. Ridsdale.

Reserves:—Cpl. Sheldrake, Bdr. Marsh.

POLICE—Taylor; Jackson, Fay, Wilson and Reynolds; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Cullinan, Searle; Innis, Rose; Wright-Nooth, Dempsey and Riddell.

CLUB "A"—Thompson; Lavalie, Morgan, Tresidder and P. B. Wilson; A. N. Other and Rutherford; Benn, Dunnett, McCrea, Kennedy, Bompas, Richardson, Carey and Leigh.

Referee:—Mitchell.

Linesmen:—Ient and Thorley.

University v Police (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

Referee:—Phillips.

Following are some of the teams:

South China "A"—Tam Kwan-kon; Lee Tin-sang and Mak Shui-hon; Lau Chung-sang, Leung Wing-chui and Soong Ling-sing, Tang Kwong-shum, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wai-long, Lai Shui-wing and Lau Tau-man. South China "B"—Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yung-sang and Yuen-she; Yeung Kan-po, Lam Tak-po and Luk Tat-hung; Chung Kee-shing, Tam Chan-kuen, Chan Tak-fai, Kwok Ying-kee and Lee Shek-yau.

Eastern—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Seng-king and Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Tse-chun, Hsu King-sing and Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-shum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Tak-kee, Tsui Ah-fai and Hau Ching-to.

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One thing, sometimes overlooked by the golfer in sizing up a short chip shot to the green, is the condition of the turf, i.e., wet or dry. If dry, a long roll is possible and the golfer can devote his attention to finding a smooth spot ahead on which to place the ball so that its normal run will bring it close to the cup. Of course the roll will vary according to hardness of the turf, the smoothness of the terrain and other qualities but sodden grass is never conducive to a long rolling ball. Faced with such a quality, the player must choose a spot a great deal nearer the hole and loft the ball to this spot. It is impossible to give any definite formula as to how far the ball will roll under these various circumstances. Also impossible is just how far back to take the club in the chip shot. Only a short swing is necessary and this should be made, as smoothly and crisply as possible. Next Article—Bunker Fear.



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Recreio Test At Sookunpoo

The big match in to-day's cricket programme is that between I.R.C. and Recreio, First Division League Champions, at Sookunpoo.

Recreio have won once this season at Sookunpoo, against Army, and there is little reason to believe that they will not do so again in view of the Indians' poor showing against Craigengower last week. Much will depend on the Recreio batting, and if they can top 120 they should be safe.

Camp has badly affected K.C.C., who are in the running for championship honours—they were runners-up to Recreio last season—and they will be without seven of their regular players and also Frank Goodwin, who has announced his retirement from cricket due to an injured leg. Varsity are without four of their regular players, and this about evens things up. K.C.C. will have to fight hard to maintain their unchecked record.

In the junior division Army, with K.C.C. scalps at their belts, will take a lot of stopping at King's Park despite the fact Recreio know only too well the peculiarities of their pitch.

I.R.C. and University have yet to break their "ducks," and a keen game should result at Pokfulam with the odds slightly in favour of the visitors

as Varsity will have to supply their senior team with several players.

Following is to-day's cricket programme and some of the teams:—

FIRST DIVISION

K. C. C. v University
I. R. C. v Recreio

SECOND DIVISION

Recreio v Army
University v I. R. C.

FRIENDLIES

Senior
Army v Club
Junior
Club v Police
C. C. C. v Combined La Salle and St. Joseph's Colleges.

Seniors
Army—Capt. D. C. E. Grose (Captain), Major W. G. Harvey, Capt. D. A. Duke, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith, Sgt. Denyer, Cpl. Webb, Cpl. Murphy, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Young and Pte. Hatfield.
Recreio—A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., W. A. Reed, L. G. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio, J. M. Gosano, A. P. Pereira, Jr., G. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares and N. Beltrao.

K.C.C.—W. Mulcahy, E. F. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, G. C. Burnett, F. J. Lay, B. D. Lay, C. B. R. Sargent, G. E. Taylor, E. Curtis, S. A. Gray and A. N. Other.

Juniors

Club—H. J. Armstrong, K. J. Attwell, C. W. E. Bishop, G. P. Charlton, R. D. Gillespie, J. Hackney, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Potter, W. G. Pryde, D. S. Robb and A. N. Other.

Police—Pope, Hunter, Kirby, Carey, Loughlin, Forrest, Estall, Danbrowsky, Lewis and Brooks.

R. E. Team To-morrow

The following will represent Royal Engineers against University at Sookunpoo, to-morrow at 2 p.m.—Capt. D. C. E. Grose, Captain F. L. Freeman, M.S.M. Green, Sgt. Denyer, L/Sgt. Shipp, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Walte, Spr. Bailey, Spr. Ratcliffe, Spr. Cork, Spr. Pelham. Reserves: Spr. Heath, Sgt. Carpenter, Cpl. Taylor, Umpire: Sgt. Clarke. Scorer: Spr. J. M. Cooke.

HAYMES IN FINAL

In the semi-final of the singles handicap at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday M. F. L. Haymes (plus 25) qualified to meet J. H. Watts in the final by beating R. H. Tidd (plus 17), 816-779. Haymes, who received 40, scored 141, 166, 135, 189 and 145. Tidd scored 194, 123, 168, 119 and 175.

GOVERNOR AT BOWLS

His Excellency the Governor will entertain a lawn bowls team from the Prison Officers' Mess at Government House on Wednesday, commencing at 3.15 p.m.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

The twenty-fifth annual athletic meeting of the Hong Kong University will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 1.30 p.m. on the University ground, Pokfulam.



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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1940.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 5th day of February, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTION AGAINST MANNERHEIM LINE

Helsinki, To-day.

A COMMUNIQUE REFERRING to Thursday's activities says there was a heavy artillery action on the Karelian Isthmus.

"During the day the enemy dropped a number of parachute patrols, many of whom were taken prisoner and others killed."

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 - (b) personal violence to any person;
 - (c) grossly abusive or offensive language; or
 - (d) any act of grave misconduct or insubordination,
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The communique details air raids in south, south-west and north Finland, and says one civilian was killed and a few others wounded.

It is claimed that five Soviet planes were brought down.—Reuter.

Soviets Shell Estonian Plane

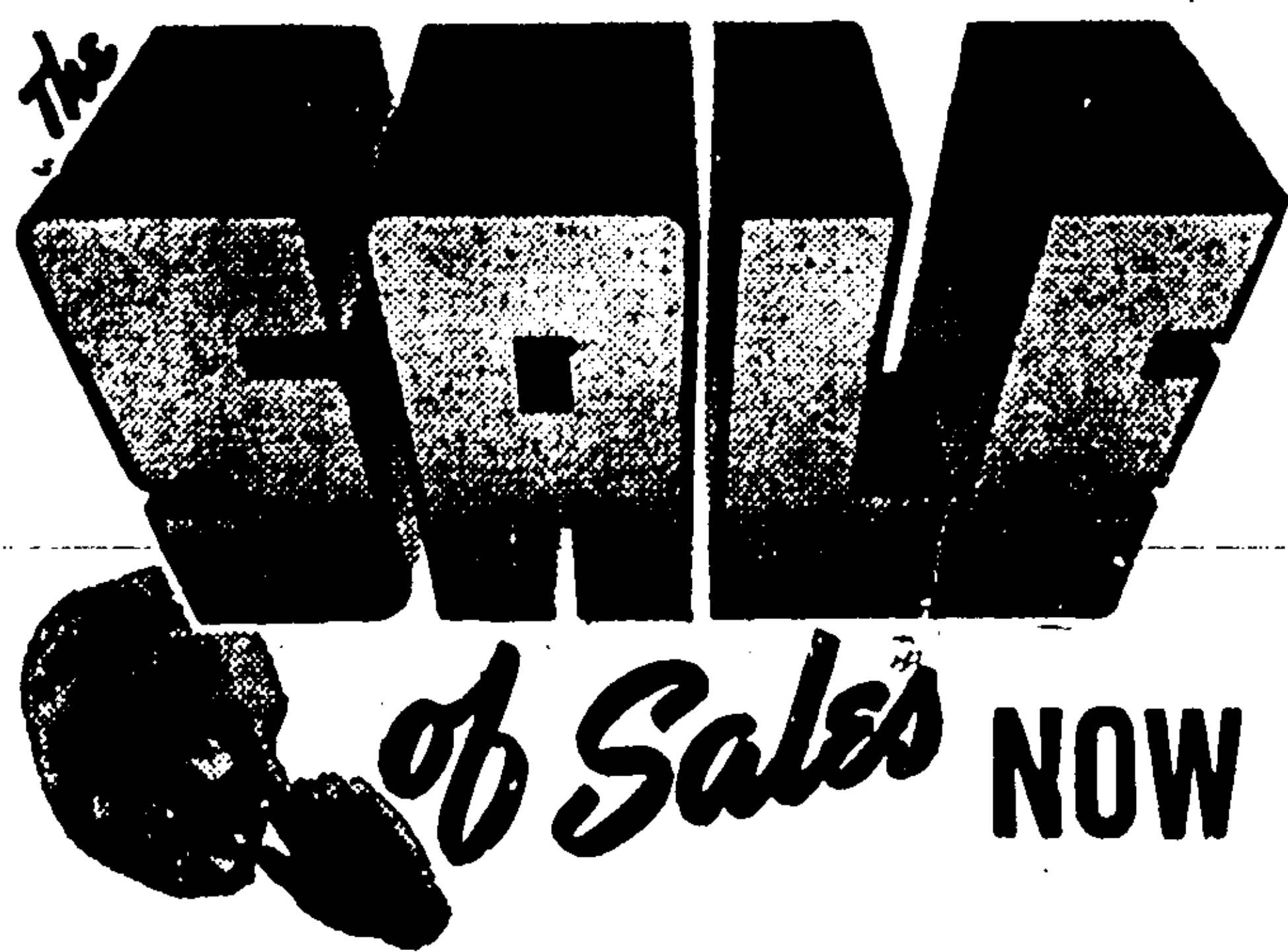
Berlin, To-day.

According to a despatch from Tallinn to the official German news agency, Soviet warships lying in Tallinn harbour yesterday opened fire on an Estonian military plane which was carrying out a training flight over the harbour.

The plane was not hit but three shells fell on the city, damaging several houses.

The Estonian Minister in Moscow has been instructed to protest to the Soviet authorities against the incident.— Reuter.

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The United States Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, is expected to present a demand for the opening of the Yangtse up to Hankow, when he meets the Japanese Minister-at-Large, Mr. Kato, on his return to Shanghai from Hankow in a few days, according to the China News Agency, the Wang Ching-wei agency.

The agency adds that consequently the date for re-opening of the Yangtse and the extent of the navigable area now depend on the outcome of the meeting.

The agency quotes local observers as stating that re-opening of the lower Yangtse aims at the readjustment of Japan-American relations, and is a steppingstone to a new commercial pact.—Reuter.

Yunnanfu, To-day.

More than 100 persons, including about 10 foreigners, were killed and injured when Japanese aircraft yesterday bombed a bridge situated about 83 kilometres from the French Indo-China border, on the French railway connecting Haiphong with Yunnanfu.

Twenty-seven Japanese planes participated in the raid, which resulted in the destruction of a north-bound train.

Several Frenchmen, whether passengers or employees of the railway, are believed to be among the casualties.

The majority of those who perished were killed either by bombs or by boiling water from the destroyed engines.

Officers and men of the British gunboats Gannet and Falcon, who left their ships at Chungking some time ago on being recalled home for service, had a narrow escape.

Their train was bound from Yunnanfu to the French Indo-China border and was not very far from the bridge when the Japanese started bombing.

After the raid, officers and sailors worked untiringly for hours succouring the wounded and dying.

The present of naval doctors from the two British gunboats proved especially helpful.

Traffic on the line has been brought to a complete standstill as the wreck of the train is blocking the tunnel.— Reuter.

The whole of Shek Kit Ming village, in New Kowloon, was destroyed by fire during the night in one of the most devastating outbreaks for some years.

Three hundred houses were burned to the ground and it is estimated that nearly 3,000 men, women and children were rendered homeless.

Fortunately, there were no casualties.

Shek Kit Ming was a large village on the Taiipo Road soon after passing the fork.

It is, however, nearly three-quarters of a mile from the nearest water-main and as a result the Fire Brigade were helpless until auxiliary pumps were brought up and it was possible to pump water from wells and streams near the village.

The fire started shortly after midnight and raged unchecked, sweeping from house to house, until every building without exception was involved. Control was not established until after 4 a.m. when the whole place was gutted, only an occasional wall here and there remaining upright. The village was still smouldering at 10.30 a.m. to-day.

The 3,000 villagers with such belongings as they were able to save are lining the Taiipo Road and hillside just under the Taiipo Road to the north of the devastated village.

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